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NEW LEISURE FACILITIES
AND 200 HOUSES, BUT...

Critics hit at a Sully plan to transform sports club

SULLY Sports & Social Club and a major housing developer, say they have received 800 letters backing a project which will transform the club's coastal location into a mix of housing and brand new sports facilities.

They say the scheme has been backed by local sports, leisure and community groups, and will safeguard the future of the club.

The Vale Council is due to make its decision on the joint planning application, submitted by Sully Sports & Social Club together with the lead developer, St Modwen, in the autumn.

by GEM
REPORTER

chairman Alwyn Davies, who has been associated with the club in various roles for 50 years, said the development would ensure the club's survival.

"We have a fantastic facility here, which is very well supported, but we just can't financially afford to keep the club going in its current form, even with our high number of paying members."

"We do not want the local community to lose this club."

"The improvement plans currently on the table will not only invigorate the surrounding area, but

will ensure the club's survival for future generations to benefit and enjoy."

"We are greatly encouraged by the level of support in favour of our plans."

Gareth Scannell, the project director at St Modwen, emphasised the company's experience in regeneration of communities.

"The club is well used by the local community and boasts over 2,000 active members - children and adults, but some of the existing sports and social facilities are in urgent need of repair."

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GOLD MEDAL JOY FOR DINAS POWYS' HANNAH!

Hannah Mills and Saskia Clark are on track for gold for Team GB in the Women's 470 at the Rio Olympics, with a 20-point lead after heats on Tuesday, August 16.

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They aim to Swim Safe... See story page 3.
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Congratulations all round for a superb Vale Show!

AS president of the Vale Show for 2016, I wanted to thank everyone who attended Wales' premier one-day show at Ffnonn Castle on August 10.

The weather was kind to us and the show once again demonstrated the very best of country life. As a proud Vale farmer, it was a true privilege and honour to be president and the day did not disappoint – I hope you also had a thoroughly enjoyable time on the showground.

As ever, there are always too many individuals to thank, but the organisers put on a sterling show and my heartfelt gratitude goes to the team so ably led by secretary Sarah Fenner, director John Hanks and chairman Liz Synan. It was a pleasure to see so many old and new faces and the buy-in from visitors, businesses, exhibitors and the local community was great to see. Agriculture and

farming play such a hugely important role in our community and this was certainly epitomised by the stands on display.

Well done to the winners on the day, all of whom showcased the very best of the rural Vale and beyond. But as I touched upon in my welcome message in this same paper only a couple of weeks ago, all of this would not be possible without the support of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, South Wales Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, the Army and RAF cadets, the YFC, St John Ambulance, and other regulatory bodies that allow the show to proceed safely and efficiently.

And it's only right my final word of thanks is reserved for The GEM for the role it plays in promoting the event to so many across the county. Thank you.

Bring on 2017 and yet another excellent Vale of Glamorgan Show! **Andrew RT Davies AM**
President, Vale of Glamorgan Show.

Prompt action to restore the view!

THROUGH the pages of The GEM newspaper, I would like to thank Natural Resources Wales for its prompt action to clear the banks of the river Thaw in Cowbridge, from the town car park to Millfield Drive.

The weeds and undergrowth had grown six foot high and completely obliterated the view of the river.

Within a week of me advising them of the situation, the banks were completely cleared – so now the river can be seen in all its glory once again.

Mrs A Burges, Cowbridge.

Waste confusion

WHAT a shambles it has been – the recent change of waste collection days by the Labour-led Vale of Glamorgan Council.

It has been totally confusing for residents – many of whom have not had a collection for around three weeks. The letter that was sent out was unclear; there was a lot of conflicting information and some, sadly, didn't even receive letters!

As some teachers would say – "must do better!"
Coun Richard Bertin, Independent, Court Ward.

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'Why my heart sinks at news of Team GB's Olympic cycling haul'

IWONDER if there are other readers like me whose heart sinks every time it's announced that Team GB has picked up yet another medal for cycling?

It's not that I'm being unpatriotic, you understand. It's just that after 2012 and subsequent successes in other bicycle-related events, the number of youths and middle-aged men with too much time on their hands (and a few women too, of course) that squeeze themselves into hideous multi-coloured Lycra, straddle a bike, and head out onto the roads around the Vale has reached epidemic proportions.

There are swarms of them. And it's now got to the point where their numbers seem to increase exponentially every time a professional British rider picks up yet another gong!

The fact that people are being inspired to take up sport is admirable. And if the obscene and eye-watering £30 million dished out to Team GB's cyclists every four years indirectly gets more people exercising, and might consequently save the NHS at least four times that amount in treatment for obesity and heart-related conditions in the same period, then (just maybe) it's money well spent.

But I suspect that the cost of treating a corresponding rate of cycling-related injuries will

ensure that's absolutely not the case.

However, my main issue with this cycling obsession is that it's the only sport people are allowed to play on the public highways – anywhere and any time they please. Our roads are being turned into one giant playground for a minority, who think it's their divine right to cause congestion and inconvenience to anyone not on two wheels.

If a group of friends decided to hold a spontaneous game of volleyball on the central reservation of the Cowbridge bypass, the boys in blue would soon be on the scene to break things up.

But if 15 or 20 cyclists decide to have a mass outing on a Saturday morning riding two or three (or more) abreast, with a stream of frustrated motorists behind them, then apparently that's perfectly okay.

If the Assembly Government is getting devolved powers to set national speed limits, then perhaps they might consider flexing a bit of muscle in other areas of road traffic management. And I have a few suggestions for them to consider:

• An outright ban on recreational cycling on all public highways by groups comprising more than three riders to a group. These riders must ride in single file at all times.

• The compulsory registration of all bicycles, and cyclists aged 13 and over, with the requirement

to display a registration number on every bicycle (much like the old car tax disc) and to carry a related form of ID at all times.

This might help to deter cyclists from openly violating so many traffic regulations and help them to acknowledge red lights.

Presently they protect their anonymity by hiding behind giant sunglasses/goggles in all weathers, thus making them feel invincible and above the law.

• A mandatory requirement to ride only on cycle lanes or dedicated cycle paths whenever and wherever such are provided, with on-the-spot fines for any rider not doing so. Local councils seem hell-bent on building cycle paths that always end up remarkably devoid of cyclists. Heavy fines might incentivise cyclists to use the facilities they are given and help offset some of the build costs.

It would also offer a degree of satisfaction to non-cyclists who pay for these white elephant cycle facilities out of their council tax.

So, I hear you ask, where do cycling clubs go to have their fun? Well, there's a velodrome in Newport. They could probably find several sports stadiums and running tracks to ride around too.

Or how about a disused World War Two airfield? Even after 70 years, the runway surface would probably be in better condition than most of the roads in the Vale!

Ian Walton, Rhooose.

Sands of time

THERE has been a noticeable change in sand levels at Barry Island over the last few years.

My late husband, who grew up on the Island, always remarked how quickly the sand was disappearing and blamed it on the constant dredging in the Channel seven days a week right through the year.

If something is not done soon, our wonderful asset of Whitmore Bay will be nothing but shingle and rock in the future. WHAT A SHAME!

Sue Day, Barry.

Give and take

AFTER reading Robin Jones' letter ('Cyclists', GEM): what a wise man he is.

He has said we all should work together to keep ourselves safe on our roads; it's all about give and take.
R Thomas, (taxi driver, Bridgend).

Shifting sands, it's not unusual!

WITH reference to sand movements at Whitmore Bay, this is neither an unusual site, nor an unusual sight!

According to research done a few of years ago by the Marine Conservation Society, severe beach erosion is happening right down the west coast of Britain, from Scotland to Cornwall; and data from weather buoys put in place in the 40s/50s by I

believe the MoD shows that average wave heights in the North Atlantic increased by 25 per cent over the last 50 years.

This is a combination of increasing sea levels and greater storm activity as a result of global warming, and I'm afraid there's nothing we can do about it, it's just going to get worse.

If dredging is adding to the problem, the effect is minor compared to other forces.
Davy Cartwright, Llantwit Major.

Remembering the VC hero

ICAME across the article in The GEM online, where Mr Godfrey Knight intended to visit the grave of a family member who had won the VC.

I enclose pictures of the headstone and a plaque inside the abbey, which I commissioned for the memorial service for McPherson VC.

At the time, I appealed nationally via newspapers and radio for any living relatives to attend the dedication service, and one lady, a great-great-granddaughter – a Mrs Lillian Edge – was guest of honour.

It was a day to remember, with the



regimental pipe band and a colour party from his regiment leading the celebrations, followed by a meal and speeches from many dignitaries.

Mr and Mrs Edge subsequently gave a wooden seat in front of the town square in honour of the village's recognition of McPherson's valour.
Alan Johnson.

'Love Wales, but hate the litter'

HOW wonderful to see in your recent GEM, the item on the Vale of Glamorgan 'litter champions'.

We haven't always lived here. We like Wales very much, love the Welsh people – but oh, that litter!

Pity there was no-one from Llantwit Major. We need a major campaign.
Vivien Pernas, Llantwit Major.

'Come and join our drama group'

DINAS POWYS Players Amateur Dramatics Group have been putting on plays for the last 45 years in the parish hall.

Our performances are very popular and we have a large following who come to see the plays we perform twice a year.

Unfortunately, our members are dwindling in number and we are very keen for new people to join our group. If you are over 18 and want to start a new

hobby or you have always fancied going on stage, we would love to meet you. Please come and meet us at our special joiners' evening on Wednesday, August 24.

Just turn up at 8.15pm at our rehearsal room in the Lee Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys and you will be very welcome. The Lee Hall is next to the parish hall.

If you have any questions please call Andrew Gibbons on 07887 624618, or Jane Rapier on 07931 212642.

Philip Rapier.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
18 Thur	07.11	9.6	19.31	9.9
19 Fri	07.54	10.1	20.12	10.3
20 Sat	08.33	10.2	20.52	10.4
21 Sun	09.14	10.3	21.34	10.3
22 Mon	09.55	10.1	22.17	10.0
23 Tues	10.37	9.8	23.02	9.6
24 Wed	11.24	9.3	23.51	9.2
25 Thur			12.16	8.8

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Barry mums' book on the library shelves!



The Wrong Story launch.



Children enjoying the Swim Safe sessions on Whitmore Bay.

Children flock to Island to learn how to Swim Safe

MORE than 300 children have flocked to Barry Island for Swim Safe, a free programme of outdoor swimming and water safety sessions for children aged between seven and 14.

New to Barry this year, the initiative saw more than 100 children don wetsuits and swimming hats and get into the sea to learn sea safety techniques for two days in July.

And 200 more descended on Whitmore Bay at the weekend.

Sessions, delivered in partnership between Swim Wales, the ASA (Amateur Swimming Association) and the RNLI charity (Royal National Lifeboat Institution), include a land-based safety lesson with RNLI lifeguards and in-water tuition with ASA qualified swimming teachers.

One of the swimming teachers is Zoe Holloway, (21), of Newport, who was inspired to help teach the Swim Safe sessions by the story of her grandmother Valerie Lynn, who nearly drowned in the River Thames as an eight-year-old child. Non-swimmer

Valerie, who is now 78, has been scared of open water for 70 years after the incident, which saw her get into difficulty in the London River before being pulled out of the water by a teenager.

Zoe, who works as a club swimming teacher around her studies at Cardiff Metropolitan University, said: "There were no swimming lessons back then and my grandmother was very lucky not to have drowned. But that one incident has led to a lifetime of uncertainty around open water for her."

"That made me want to sign up as a Swim Safe teacher because these sessions are teaching kids skills to give them the confidence to enjoy themselves safely."

It is the first year Swim Safe has been held in Barry and such was the demand for places that extra sessions had to be laid on for all the parents keen to enrol their children. Across the UK, the programme has so far taught over 12,000 children.

Hanna Guise, of Swim Wales, said: "It's fantastic that we've had the high level of interest in Swim Safe in its first year here on Barry Island."

PLAID CYMRU TO OPPOSE MOUNT SORRELL SCHEME

PLAID Cymru councillors have objected to new plans to transform the former Mount Sorrell hotel into accommodation for 45 young people aged 18 to 35.

The proposals were discussed at Barry Town Council last week, where councillors made a strong objection.

Previous plans for the site had involved demolishing the current hotel building and building 26 flats on the location, but the revised plans mean retaining the old building with some internal changes.

Plaid Cymru's Coun Shirley Hodges said: "Social housing is very important and we need it in Barry, but it is not

appropriate to house so many single people in a constrained location.

"Essentially this plan is for 45 people living in hotel rooms with a small kitchen and living room, and that is not a good living environment."

"The plans also suggest limited car parking space compared to the Vale's supplementary planning guidance for new developments."

Plaid's Coun Ian Johnson added: "The UK Government has made changes to housing benefit so that people under the age of 35 can only have a room in a house rather than a flat of their own."

"As somebody only slightly older than that age group, this is unfair and deliberately penalises people because of their circumstances in being out of work, on low pay or following a relationship break-up."

"However, as we have a responsibility to meet that need, the council should source accommodation that best fits younger people and the local community, and this plan does not do that."

"The original proposals to demolish the hotel and build flats was agreed because we recognised that the hotel was not viable, but we are not willing to accept a cut-price plan that will make money for the owners without meeting the needs of the proposed client group."

"This proposal is inadequate and inappropriate for the site."

THE latest children's book to be produced as part of the Vale Council's 'Putting Families First' project that last year drew praise from Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo and actor Michael Sheen, is now available at Barry library.

'The Wrong Story' is available at Barry library and tells the tale of a boy called Jack who finds himself in the wrong story, and of his journey back to the storybook where he belongs.

The book was written by seven Barry parents taking part in the Welsh Government funded project

The inspiration for the tale came from reading traditional children's stories and the group worked with storyteller Mike Church and illustrator Rachel Tudor

Best to study various

creative writing techniques, and then drafted their book from scratch.

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration and education, said: "When this project attracted national attention last year we were all determined that more parents in Barry should be given the chance to build skills and confidence through creative writing."

"The whole group had a real interest in creative writing and wanted to create something that could be passed down to their children. Together they have created an enchanting story that will captivate children."

"I know that everyone involved feels privileged to have played a part and am delighted to see it repeat its success."

'The Wrong Story' has been published and is available now in Barry Library. It has its own ISBN number and will also be available in the British Library in London.

Sully U3A open meeting

SULLY U3A recently held its annual open meeting, always a popular event in the calendar and an opportunity for groups to show what they do.

With over 30 groups, there is usually something for everyone; but if not, it only takes two or three to form a new group!

This is a good

opportunity for non-members to drop in, chat to members and find out what U3A has to offer. This year was even busier than last year and during the afternoon, more than 20 new members joined.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 8 at 2pm in the Old School, Sully, when Romeo Basini will talk on the Italian Connection. New members are welcome.

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Two arrested after match day locker-room theft

FOOTBALL teams often complain of being 'robbed', but this proved all too literal at a home match played between Llantwit Major AFC and Cwm Welfare FC on Saturday, August 13.

At half-time, players in the Welsh League Division 3 match - held at the Windmill ground pitch on Frampton Lane just outside the town - returned to the dressing room to find lockers broken open and ransacked.

Personal possessions were missing - and a car had been stolen.

A spokesman for South Wales Police told The GEM that officers received a telephone call just after 3.15pm on Saturday.

He added: "It appears to have happened while the players' and spectators' attention was,

quite naturally, focused on the pitch.

"The lockers were opened and the players' belongings were rifled through. Mobile phones and other items were taken, including car keys. A white Audi, belonging to one of the players, was taken."

"Two males aged 31 and 33 and both from the Swansea area have been arrested in connection with this incident."

The two men have now been released on bail pending further investigations.

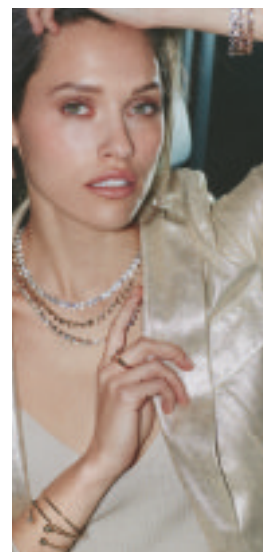
He said that police are appealing for witnesses or others in the vicinity of the playing fields last Saturday afternoon to contact the force, especially if they saw any suspicious activity in the area.

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• Cwm Welfare won the match 5-0.

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Merchant Navy plans tribute at Seafarers' Service in Barry

THE Merchant Navy Association (Wales) Barry branch has announced that a Seafarers' Service will be held on Friday, September 2, in the town.

The local tribute is open to all organisations and to others. It is especially hoped that family members of serving and former members of the Merchant Navy, Royal Navy and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary will also attend.

The service will be held at the Merchant Navy Monument, Barry at 11am. The provisional date for next year's service is on September 3, 2017.

In holding a Seafarers' Service, we acknowledge the vital role played by the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force in convoy duties, also all those who follow the calling of the sea, deep sea fishermen, the life boat service etc.

The presence of branch standards will be greatly appreciated at the

service. The order of procedure being: The Merchant Navy Associations, The Royal Navy, The Royal Air Force, The Royal British Legion and all other standards.

A branch wreath will be laid during the service at the Merchant Navy Monument. All other organisations are welcome to lay wreaths at this event.

We hope that the public will continue to support us in helping to ensure that this is, once again, a successful event.

Merchant Navy week in Barry will include: a static Merchant Navy display at the Central library; The red ensign of the Merchant Navy being flown on Merchant Navy day; a branch visit to Swansea for a Wales commemoration; a Merchant Navy presence at the Barry at War event; and a presentation on board the Waverley remembering our town's heroic paddle steamer the PS Barry.

KEITH
GREENWAY

Staff's fundraising to honour brave colleague



STAFF at a betting shop in Barry have raised nearly £1,500 for the Teenage Cancer Trust and a dedicated bench in Porthkerry Park – in memory of their late colleague, Jade Louise Marks Brooks (24), who passed away in May following a struggle with leukaemia.

Corinne Louch, who worked with Jade at the Ladbroke's shop on

Broad Street in Barry, started an online fundraising effort to keep Jade's memory alive and to help young people suffering with similar illnesses. Donations came from friends, co-workers, family members and those in the community who knew Jade and were upset at her passing.

Ladbroke's area manager Val Brown arranged for Vale MP Alun Cairns to present Corinne with an additional £500 cheque for Jade's memorial fund.

Corinne has described much-loved Jade as a 'true inspiration who touched all of our lives' and said that her late co-worker would have been 'chuffed by all the donations to a good cause.'

Vale MP Alun Cairns congratulated Corinne, saying: "Jade's passing was a tragedy for everyone who knew her. I am very impressed at the way that Corinne and her colleagues at Ladbroke's have managed to achieve something positive from the collective grief, with both a dedicated bench to remember Jade, and a sizeable donation to charity."

GEM reader tells of 'Mindless vandals on Barry Island'

AS is the case on most weekends, I went to Barry Island on Saturday morning to take part in the Parkrun; I invariably arrive in a happy frame of mind along with the other participants, many of whom are my friends.

My happiness quickly turned to anger on Saturday, when I found that many of the wall lights that illuminate the steps, pathways and ramps on the new complex above the beach huts had been smashed.

It is difficult to understand why people gain satisfaction from such mindless vandalism and one can only hope that the perpetrators are

identified. If that is the case, I hope that the court apply meaningful sanctions, rather than what has become the customary 'slap on the knuckles'.

The Vale Council is to be congratulated for the improvements that have been and continue to be made for residents and visitors alike, and the staff who work so hard to service the facilities must find this sort of occurrence frustrating, to say the least.

No doubt the lights will be expediently replaced, but I suppose that it is too much to hope that this was an isolated incident, when there are a small number of individuals who have no respect for the environment or property.
John Deakin, Llantwit Major.

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Party in the park with Barry Beavers

BARRY BEAVERS hosted a Party in the Park on August 7 with games, barbecue and nearly 100 people.

This party was conceived as an event out of water during 'no swimming month' and was a great success; plus a way of thanking all swimmers, non-swimmers, helpers and families for supporting us throughout the year.

Jane Hutt AM popped by to see how things were going, when everything was in full swing.

We would like to thank Sun Sound for helping us out and making our day. Also Chris, Cath, and Sarah for organising the games, music etc.

A massive thank you also to Donna, Helen, and Linda, our barbecue cooks for the day. We can't forget all the members and families who came and enjoyed the day. We also would like to thank Rita for making us a cake to go with the barbecue, plus all the Rangers down at Porthkerry Park.

Lastly, thank you to Aimiee and dad Pete for the video taken at the event.

IS TRANSFORMATION OF SULLY SPORTS CLUB IN THE INTERESTS OF VILLAGE?

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Mr Scannell continued: "St Modwen has a 30-year track record in positive regeneration of local communities and we are already actively involved in over £2.75bn worth of long term regeneration investment elsewhere in south Wales.

"We believe that, in conjunction with Sully Sport & Social Club, our development plans provide a viable way to secure the club for future generations to enjoy."

The club and developer say there are a number of potential benefits if their vision for the playing fields is accepted: new grass and 3G all-weather football and rugby pitches; a training area; a new gym for

club members and the general public; up to 18 new jobs in addition to the 14 roles currently occupied at the club; better private hire and conference facilities; and an income stream from the proposed new touring caravan site.

In terms of housing, it will mean 200 new homes adjacent to the club. The developer says they will be "sensitive designed in keeping with the local surroundings".

The mix of homes would include 40 per cent affordable housing for local people.

The club and developer say that the people who have written in support of the project have stressed the club's importance as a hub of the

community and providing sports and leisure facilities that can be used by people of all ages.

Kevin Mahoney, who represents Sully on the Vale Council, responded to the claims, saying: "I don't think that it is any surprise that a property developer wishing to build over a village sports ground has claimed that their application has received popular support, when local experience and knowledge dictates a totally opposite response from the village residents."

"One would wonder how many of the 800 letters of support actually come from people who live in Sully, and who would have to suffer the

inevitable consequences of more and more housing with no improvements to allied infrastructure?"

"I would suspect very few compared to the hundreds of letters of objection received by the Vale planning department from people who actually live here."

"In reality I have yet to speak to anyone in Sully who isn't aghast at the thought of this land being concreted over and yet another 200-plus houses being added to the recent approval of 350 homes just a couple of hundred yards away."

"Enough really is enough in Sully's case."



A map showing the proposed development: on the left, the social club and its playing fields to the right. The coast is shown at the bottom of the illustration.

VIPs sample schools' Food and Fun!



Alun Cairns MP (second left) at Bryn Hafren school.



Jane Hutt AM (fifth from left) at the Barry Comprehensive school.

BRYN HAFREN and Barry Comprehensive schools had two cross-party visitors when they opened their doors to children taking part in 'Food and Fun' days in a new school 'holiday enrichment programme' backed by the Welsh Local Government Association.

For three days a week this month,

children are provided with a healthy breakfast, lunch and a programme varying between physical activity, creative play and learning workshops including food skills and literacy and numeracy sessions.

The Vale's Labour AM Jane Hutt visited the SHEP project at Barry Comprehensive, where boys were learning about nutrition through fun exercises, while Vale MP Alun Cairns visited Bryn Hafren, where girls were learning a high-energy dance

routine. Ms Hutt said: "This is a great way to enjoy the school holidays; having fun learning about food and eating healthily. Well done to all those involved in making this brilliant scheme so successful."

Alun Cairns commented: "Everyone was having great fun at the Food and Fun I visited in Bryn Hafren. The children were benefiting, not only from learning about nutrition, but also from the opportunities for getting active."

Walkers trace rise and rise of Rhoose Points

AS the nights begin to draw in, the last of Penarth and District Ramblers' summer evening walks programme came to a close, with a walk at Rhoose Point on a lovely dry and golden sunny evening with a blustery wind.

Twelve walkers, plus Jodie the staffie, spaniel Lexie and Biddy the Jack Russell joined Joy, Bracken and Bronte at Rhoose railway station car park and set off across wasteland in front of Heol y Pentir, before dropping downhill on rough paths and through one of the disused limestone quarries.

In 1897, the Vale of Glamorgan railway was built to connect Bridgend with the docklands at Barry, mainly for the purpose of carrying coal – and what had been the small rural hamlet of Rhoose blossomed into a village as a result of its industrial connections.

In 1919, the Aberthaw and Portland Channel Cement and Lime Works developed the area at Rhoose Point and in 1935 Turners Asbestos

Cement Company factory was built next to the cement works, which was later taken over by Blue Circle in 1983 before being closed in 1987.

Heading along Trem Echni where a great deal of housing development is taking place to the south of the railway line, a zig-zag walkway led them on a circumnavigation of a huge quarry site – which is now a housing estate – and across the road to a green site, which was once part of Happy Valley.

Climbing steps on part of the Wales Coast Path, the rough narrow track between hedges led on to the southernmost tip of mainland Wales at Rhoose Point which is marked by a huge upright slab of slate from north Wales surrounded by a circle of stones.

Because of contamination from asbestos in this area, the

reclamation of the land took some time to complete, but the old quarries are now lakes frequented by wildlife and rough sculptures in limestone are dotted around.

On August 20, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile moderate circular walk from Glasbury to Hay-on-Wye; contact Sylvia on 029 2070 8758.

On August 24, meet at 8am at Cogan for a 16-mile hard walk in the Black Mountains taking in the Allt, Sugar Loaf, Bryn Arw and Ysgyryd Fawr; contact William on 07528 701 952.

Contact the walk leader for advice. To follow the group, log on to www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

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Studying St Fagan's in three languages!



DURING curriculum week, Barry Comprehensive School's year-7 language students visited St Fagan's, in order to create a triple literacy project.

The students have had fun exploring the old buildings and even had a history lesson from former teacher Mr Jones in the old school house.

The students enjoyed learning new vocabulary and have used this newly-acquired language to create projects about St Fagan's in Welsh, English, and French.



Students visit the Bard's home

ON Monday, July 11 the drama and music departments at Barry Comprehensive School took a group of students to Stratford-upon-Avon for a performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

During curriculum week, the students explored the play in music, art and drama lessons. It was a rare opportunity for them to see it on stage at the world-famous Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

As well as attending the play, students were able to explore Stratford, taking in the sights and seeing some of its history including a visit to Shakespeare's house.

The trip was a huge success and one that the school will be running again next year.

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Enjoying the boat trip...

Vale father salutes Coastguard heroes

A Vale father has told The GEM the dramatic story of how his son was rescued off the Heritage Coast on Wednesday, August 3, and emphasised how much we all owe to the sterling work of local coastguards.

Denis G Campbell recounted the heart-stopping moment he found out that his son was safe after a life-threatening incident involving four teenagers near Llantwit Major beach.

Denis said: "When the call begins - 'this is Kristen from Heath Hospital A&E, we have your son, he's okay' - nothing stops your heart from sinking into the floor.

"When you learn your son and three others were swept out to sea, you wonder what these 16-year-old boys were doing in two-metre high seas. Then you sheepishly remember your own teenage escapades!"

But as more information became available Mr Campbell's relief, turned to pride.

He explained: "When you learn over the next few hours that they had had the judgement to not go in, and were in fact swept away trying to rescue a mate who was in trouble by tying clothing together as a rope, you are filled with pride at their courage.

"And when it hits you that this week, three other families in Wales were not as fortunate, you appreciate the forgotten soldiers of the Llantwit Major Coastguards.

"Jamie 'Goose' Jenkins, station officer, reached out on Facebook and asked if he could use photos of my son in A&E with oxygen and a hypothermia kit for their debriefing meeting.

"That was when we wanted to meet this team. And every family joined in. The meeting happened Monday.

"As Jamie Jenkins said: 'Once the ambulance doors shut or the helicopter leaves the area, that is often the last we ever know or see of the people we rescue'.

"That changed when Harry Fairclough and his dad Sid, Jordan Williams and mum Carys, Ryan Lee Taylor's mum Jan Brocklehurst and Chris Groot Wassink, my son, and I walked into the Llantwit Major Fire and Coastguards Station."

Senior coastal operations officer Lee Haigh told the group: "Our men train here every Monday evening from 7pm to 9pm on rock, shore and 'close in' water rescues along our cliffs and shores.

"Most of our men grew up in this area, so they know exactly where

people are, or if in the sea, where the currents will take them."

After 20 minutes in the water, Harry and Jordan managed to get out, but Chris and Ryan were drifting away, fighting to stay afloat in their wetsuits.

Harry, Jordan and others were on shore frantically calling 999.

The mobile land crew was despatched immediately and 11 men showed up with equipment on Llantwit Major Beach.

The families found out that 999 calls are fed to the centre where they provide feedback so air, land and sea teams have the same and most up-to-date information in a chaotic situation.

Based on tides, currents and time, the watch commander decides, usually within seconds, whether to dispatch lifeboats, the helicopter or both.

When Jamie Jenkins and his crew arrived on scene, they needed to assess where and how many people were still in the water. The heli was a two-minute flight away at MoD St Athan and the lifeboat was already on a training exercise nearby.

Jamie said: "As we arrived on scene, we confirmed two boys had made it out of the water and could see the helicopter had spotted the other boys 200 yards offshore.

"It circled and was hoisting Chris out with Ryan to follow. It was over, thankfully, very quickly.

"Everyone was out 20 minutes after we got the call."

The helicopter raced on to the Heath Hospital in Cardiff. Harry and Jordan were transported by ambulance to the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend.

Three were quickly released, with Chris held overnight to watch for infection from seawater in his lungs. All have since fully recovered from the ordeal.

Denis added: "So when those black coastguard vehicles race up and down the coast, get out of their way, send a good thought to these brave men and whomever they may be saving



A happy, and thankful, reunion!



Jamie 'Goose' Jenkins, station officer, with Chris.

Garden transformed into a relaxing space for residents

The garden at Fair Oaks.



FOLLOWING an initial request by a resident at Fair Oaks Sheltered Housing in Dinas Powys and some hard work by fellow residents, the Vale Council's housing team, Keep Wales Tidy, and children from the local school, led to the garden at Fair Oaks being transformed into an inviting, relaxing space.

The complex of sheltered accommodation, comprising bungalows and flats, was built in 1971, and houses residents aged 60 years and over.

Renee Gannon of the Youldon House Residents' Association, contacted the council's community investment and involvement team, outlining how she thought land at the back

of Fair Oaks could be transformed into a community garden and funding was arranged.

Mr and Mrs Jones, and Mr and Mrs Pierce, all residents at Fair Oaks, were instrumental in the development of the plot, working tirelessly to dig and prepare the garden for the planting of flowers and vegetables.

The surrounding community also helped,

with local children arriving on the scene to plant sunflowers, and help others with the development of the vegetable plots and flower beds. The flowering beds and vegetable plots will allow residents to grow their own fresh vegetables long into the future.

Keep Wales Tidy,

aims to "Make Wales a better place to live", donated £500 to the cause.

Miles Punter, Vale director for environment and housing services, said: "This is a great example of community spirit, and how, when a community works together, we can bring about results to make our county a better place to live in."

"The new garden at Fair Oaks looks fantastic, and I hope Renee, and her fellow residents at Fair Oaks, enjoy it through the summer and far into the future."

The residents of Fair Oaks are looking for funding for a greenhouse. Contact Shani Payter on 02920 673215 or spayter@valeofglam-gov.uk.



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'Brian was a friend to everyone'

BRIAN DOEL, a newspaperman known throughout the newspaper industry, and particularly in the West Country and south Wales, died suddenly last weekend on August 13.

He was with the Tindle Newspaper Group for many years as its Chief Executive.

In that capacity, he was responsible for 200 local newspapers (including The Glamorgan GEM) and three radio stations. Although he retired from TNL in 2014, he certainly did not retire from the newspaper life he loved, and he also remained as chairman of the radio group owned by TNG.

As the owner of 51 per cent of the Sunday Independent in Cornwall, he steered that newspaper successfully through a major battle with another paper and received the congratulations of many in the industry. He was well liked by all who knew him.

His sudden death has upset everyone who knew him. He leaves a widow, Sam, and a daughter, Alexandra.

Sir Ray Tindle, Chairman of the Tindle Newspaper Group, said: "Brian had been a superb CEO, a brilliant editor and a friend to everyone."

"He was the man who took on the onerous task of running our group of almost 200 papers and radio stations when I first went down with cancer."

"He took the group, including radio, to new heights. I am shocked and greatly saddened by the loss of Brian."

GEM Editor Don John writes: Everyone here was stunned to hear the tragic news of Brian's death, for he was a man held in particularly high esteem by our staff here in the Vale.

He made no secret of his special affection for this newspaper – which he had played such a prominent role in nurturing – and in return, was highly respected by our staff, especially those who were proud to have known and worked alongside him for over two decades.

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ABOVE: The late Brian Doel, whose sudden death has shocked the newspaper industry.

In past years, he had been a regular presence at our head offices in Cowbridge, as part of his wider responsibilities, where his legendary professionalism and warm, human qualities were very much admired. The Glamorgan GEM has lost a good friend and we join in extending our very deepest sympathy to his grieving family.

Sailing gold in sight for Mills and Clark at Rio

by ANDY JOHNSTONE

IT is the curse of the weekly paper that the resolution to a good story comes after the paper has been 'put to bed' on deadline day.

And as The GEM sails close to its deadline, Cardiff-born Hannah Mills and Saskia Clark of Team GB Women's 470 sailing class are sailing close to gold at the Rio Olympics.

The pair hold a 20-point lead going into the finale on Wednesday, August 17, after finishing second and third in Tuesday's races. All they need to do to win gold in their class is to finish today's medal race and garner no penalties.

Mills said: "We just need to be solid and get round the course (in the medal race) and that will do. You know how it's going as the day goes on but you try not to let it affect you too much."

She said that she and her crewmate knew that if they beat their main rivals

in Tuesday's last race, they would be guaranteed the gold.

"That obviously goes to your head a little bit, especially when the wind started to die and it started to get a bit 'wackier'."

"Tensions were high for sure at points but we're absolutely shocked and stunned, and so relieved. I don't think it's sunk in yet and I don't think it will until we've got the medal and it's there around my neck."

Mills and Clark took silver in their class at the 2012 Olympics, losing to New Zealand. Mills' disappointment remains.

"We really felt we could have won the gold in London. We were absolutely gutted not to."

"That's what this four years has been about. You never say that too much because you don't need that extra pressure. But it's absolutely what we came here for and to have done it is insane."



Going one better... London 2012 when Hannah (left) Saskia took silver.

'Local groups squeezed out of Memorial Hall'

BRAVO Deryn Grigg! (GEM letter, last week.) Several valid points and questions were raised by this lady – none of which were answered satisfactorily by a spokesman for the Memorial Hall.

Yes, what has happened to the hall, re local theatre groups? This theatre is, and always has been a venue by Barry people, for Barry people, in the main.

None of the points or questions raised by Ms Grigg received relevant answers, but were deflected towards future plans, and other

irrelevancies.

Questions (by Mrs Grigg): why no use of the front main foyer? Far more room than the rear entrance.

Why no signs or information for the toilets – again, in the main front foyer?

We are prevented from passing through our beautiful Hall of Remembrance a tribute to Barry heroes of both World Wars.

Why does the bar close so early (straight after the interval)? Many local groups would always, in the past, meet friends and casts after the show, and we all enjoyed this social interaction.

Re the ridiculous booking for a large 'wedding party' in the Glamorgan Suite – on the same night as a

major production in the main hall – why? We were not affected in the downstairs seats, but the upstairs audience certainly was, with a very loud party disco.

Why are such exorbitant fees charged for local companies? There are the usual costs, but local groups have been 'squeezed out' of using the hall – until, as Ms Grigg pointed out – Billboard are the last remaining company left able to use this theatre. Mrs GM Davies, Barry.

Rhws pupils look to the sky

YEARS 4-5 pupils from Rhws Primary School looked skywards last term with a project led by Cardiff-based artist David Mackie – making simple marshmallow models, creating designs on paper and embossing their creations on metal disks – in a workshop led by David on July 18.

Mr Mackie was commissioned by housebuilder Taylor Wimpey to create an art installation for a new development near Rhose Point, called Channel Heights.

The proposal, called 'Constellations', takes its inspiration from the coastal panoramic location of Channel Heights, which lends itself to the theme of stargazing. The artwork, located within the public

play area, will take the form of a viewing platform and will double as a seating area and educational resource.

Mr Mackie said: "The children took part very enthusiastically in a series of workshops. Their involvement will hopefully enable them to contribute to a distinct sense of place and increase their pride in their local environment."

The event was attended by Channel Heights sales executive Emma Pike, a former pupil at Rhws Primary School, who was involved in working with the children. A second workshop is planned at the school in October prior to the unveiling of the public artwork at the development.

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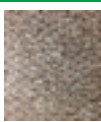
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The Morryston Minors at the training event (missing from the picture is Kay Myatt).

Morryston Minors take to the road with a little help from 'Alfie'

HE'S led Wales to Grand Slam victory on the rugby pitch and now Bridgend's Gareth 'Alfie' Thomas is hoping inspire another

group of sports enthusiasts to emulate his success.

His latest challenge sees him guiding 100 amateur runners – dubbed 'Alfie's Angels' – from the sofa to the

finishing line of October's Cardiff Half Marathon and their progress will be followed by TV cameras for BBC Wales series *Run for Your Life*.

Among the group, made up of applicants from across Wales, will be the Morryston Minors – Eve Jeffery, Ceri Jones, Samantha John, Ruth Gates, Helen Jones and Kay Myatt.

They were selected after Morryston Education Centre manager Eve sent the programme makers a video pleading for Gareth's help to get them up and running.

"We're really pleased to have been picked. I signed up because I was ready to make a few changes myself to get healthier, we are all shapes and sizes and some of us are more experienced than others but this is just what we

need to really help us focus," said Eve.

As a result, they have secured free entry into the half marathon, a training programme, weekly motivational videos from Alfie and his team as well as membership to a closed online group so they can share their experiences as they get closer to the starting line.

The Morryston team has taken part in a special training session with Alfie held in Cardiff which brought all the Angels together for the first time. After a series of talks by fitness experts from RUN 4 Wales they all took part in a short run – filmed for the series – and will be shown later this year.

After the session Gareth tweeted: "An amazing morning with the amazing @Alfies_Angels. Moved to tears and inspired by

everyone of them.xx"

Eve said: "The training session was amazing, we were really motivated. They took us on the run which was supposed to be a mile – but ended up being nearly twice that – and Alfie was with us all the way.

"It has inspired us and we try to train together every week and do as much as we can on our own in between.

"All 100 of us will get together again on September 4 for another run of 6.6 miles so we should really be able to see the difference by then. We are then tackling the Swansea Bay 10k."

She added: "I can't say I have fallen in love with running yet but this has helped me to change my lifestyle and be more active."

'The Barry at War' group all set for Wartime Weekend'

BARRY at War group is busy preparing for its biggest event of the year – Wartime Weekend at Barry Island Station on September 3 and 4.

Our aim is to show something of what people from Barry the rest of Britain experienced during the two world wars of the 20th century and other major conflicts.

So, at the heart of this year's event is a series of presentations on aspects of World War One and World War Two. In the 'Ops Room', learn about the Paddle Steamer Barry at Gallipoli, the pilots of the Battle of Britain and the Welshman from Swansea who fought across Europe in the US Army; and hear from veterans themselves in conversation. The short World War One film *Letters Home* will be shown on both days.

By way of entertainment we expect

'Our Angela' from Barry and Arthur Cook (aka Winston Churchill) from Devon and the ladies choir Only Menopause Aloud singing the songs of the 1940s!

You might want to join in with the Lindy Hop dancers and you should not miss the two 1940s fashion shows on the Sunday. The platform will be packed with interesting stalls and we expect military vehicles out front to entice folks to come inside ...

Children should look out for the 'Sweety Lady' selling sweets from her 'horse box' on Sunday.

The Barry War Museum will be open and the recently refreshed wartime kitchen is a must see – as is 'Private Chick' in his redcoat.

A full programme of events can be found on our website: www.barrywar-museum.org.uk/wartime-weekend.html.

Glen Booker, Group Chairman.

Can you host a 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'?

THE 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support is set to take place on Friday, September 30 and the charity is asking GEM readers to host a coffee morning for friends, family, classmates or colleagues.

"In Wales, more than 19,000 people are diagnosed with cancer every year.

"Our goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone. We provide

medical, emotional, practical and financial support, as well as campaigning for better cancer care," a spokeswoman said.

"Last year more than 12,500 people in Wales signed up to hold Macmillan coffee mornings to raise funds to help people affected by cancer.

"The money raised helps to pay for Macmillan professionals working in Wales to help people affected by cancer including our specialist cancer nurses, welfare

benefits advisers, speech therapists and physiotherapists and dietitians.

"If you'd like to find out more about holding a coffee morning for Macmillan, you can visit our website to request a free Coffee Morning Kit at coffee.macmillan.org.uk. It has everything you need to host a brilliant coffee morning."

For information or support from Macmillan, call free on 0800 808 00 00 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm) or visit macmillan.org.uk.

Marie Curie picnic concert

THE Cowbridge Marie Curie fundraising group is asking residents of the Vale to join them for a concert with the Morryston Orpheus Male Voice Choir and the Caradog String Quartet on Sunday, August 21 at St Donat's Castle at 2.30pm.

All proceeds from the event will help support people living with a terminal illness and their families at the charity's hospice in Penarth, or in their own homes locally.

Tickets are £17 per person, which includes a glass of prosecco and visitors are asked to bring a picnic and dine on the lawn while enjoying the concert!

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Simone joins a professional team of groomers consisting of Kim Mills, Louise Starkey and Kate Bromwich whose appointments are all organised by our experienced Sophie Jenkins. Sophie, manager of **MY FAVOURITE PET SHOP** (which is situated next door to Sleek & Chic) and **CARE4PETS** pet care agency, is the first point of contact when clients call to make an appointment or enquire about our other pet services.

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THE South Vale Group of Churches will next month hold a joint flower festival in the five parishes that make up the group.

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settings of the churches in Porthkerry and Rhoeose, Penmark, Llantrithyd and Llancafan. Tickets are £5 to visit all five churches and will be payable at the first church you visit. The themes and opening times of the individual churches are as follows:

St Peter's Rhoeose

CF62 3EX: 'The Word of God', 9.30am – 6pm Friday and Saturday September 9 and 10; 11am – 6pm on Sunday, September 11.

Craft stall, cakes and refreshments and soup lunches will be available, 11.30am – 1.30pm on September 10th.

St Mary's Penmark **CF62 3BP:** 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', 10am – 4pm Friday and Saturday 9 and 10 and Sunday 11.

St Illtyd's **CF71 7UB:** 10am – 4pm on Friday and Saturday 9 and 10, 12.30pm – 4pm on Sunday 11. Visit this newly restored ancient church.

St Cadoc, Llancafan **CF62 3AD:** 'Festivals and Festivities', 10am – 4pm on Friday and Saturday 9 and 10, 12.30pm – 4pm on Sunday 11.

There will also be an opportunity to view the medieval wall paintings.

The weekend will finish with a *Songs of Praise Service* at 7pm in St Peter's Church Rhoeose, when all five churches will be represented. All are welcome.

For further information call Ann Lush on 02920 703547 or Sue Bailey on 02920 700002.

Open Gardens Trail raised £5,533 for The Children's Society

THE total raised in Penarth from the Open Gardens Trail for The Children's Society was £5,533, and on behalf of the society, thanks go to the following: Jane Starling, 164 Redlands Road; Ann Dobbins, 68 Redlands Road; Diana Mead, 77 Coleridge Avenue; Elizabeth and Humphrey Palmer, 82 Plymouth Road; Chris and Rob Edwards, 135 Plymouth Road; Freda Welch, 133 Westbourne Road; Jon and Judy Lewis, Cosmeston Cottages, Lavernock Road; the inspiring children's garden at the public library; and the wonderful allotments in Westbourne Road.

It's your support, hard work and

dedication, that enthruses the visitors each year, which in turn raises much-needed funds for the society, as we mark the 20th anniversary of this popular event.

Thank you to The GEM for their invaluable publicity.

Ann Lush, (Hon vice-president of The Children's Society and chairman, Penarth fundraising committee).

There are a few seats available on a coach going to the National Botanic Gardens of Wales on Thursday, September 22 leaving All Saints' Church at 9.30am.

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Vale Show highlighted need to back farmers

THE Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show opened its doors to the community last Wednesday on the Fônnon Castle grounds for a

fantastic day of livestock competitions, locally sourced produce and family fun.

I must admit it is my personal highlight of

the year, in terms of community events, and last week did not disappoint.

It included animals of all shapes and sizes, from dog shows to sheep; horses to cattle. The livestock-showing process is fascinating; anyone can watch and learn to find out what features farmers look for when breeding animal stock.

The cattle showing was particularly interesting for me this year. I was able to take part, thanks to Abi Reader, of Goldsland Farm near Wenvoe, who kindly allowed me to show one of her dairy calves, Marjorie.

The children showing their calves around me, made the process of showing look easy, while I struggled to control Marjorie in what I am told, was quite a comic scene. (You can judge my efforts for yourself by watching the video on my Facebook page.)

The competition didn't end with the livestock shows, the show jumping and the Hunt Scurry were a pleasure to watch with some of the finest riders and horses in Wales taking to the field. These were followed



Welsh Secretary
ALUN CAIRNS
reports to
GEM readers

by a display of a dog agility race which was enjoyed by dogs and spectators in equal measure.

Even the home produce marquee was a competitive environment with some of the best cooks in the Vale and from further afield attracting visitors to some of the best local produce available.

Many similar shows have lost their agricultural focus, the Vale Show has

maintained this tradition and I think for the better.

Thousands of hours go into organising this event, which brings the community together, rural and urban to celebrate the most fundamental industry we have. The organisers have done another fantastic job, and many will have left the show with new family memories, fuller bellies, and a greater appreciation of farming.

In the wake of Brexit, there have been concerns about the future of farming subsidies.

Now is the time for politicians and the public to show that they back Welsh farming and I am pleased that the Chancellor has given farmers certainty, by announcing that the current system of support will continue until 2020, before a domestic system is established.

The importance of farming to the Vale, Wales and the UK can't be overstated, and I would like to thank the Vale Show for bringing it to the forefront of the community once again.

Alun Cairns is MP for the Vale.

Digital support award for Newydd Housing

NEWYDD Housing Association has been recognised for the digital support it provides to its tenants and communities.

It has been awarded Digital Charter accreditation for its digital inclusion programme, which aims to help people throughout the Vale of Glamorgan to improve IT skills and get online.

The programme, run in partnership with the Vale Council, Barry Communities First, Hafod Housing

Association and Wales and West Housing Association, has been commended for its support to local communities.

Sessions are provided by Digital

Champions, who volunteer to help support people with a range of activities – from basic computing and online shopping to Universal Credit.

FEAST OF MUSIC

ON Sunday, August 21, the choir of St Clement's Cambridge will sing with the church choir at St Illtud's, Llantwit Major at the 10am service; then at 6pm they will sing the 1662 version of Evensong with anthems, on their own.

Over the bank holiday weekend, there will be incidental music during the Flower Festival at St Illtud's, featuring local organists, the Tarlton Ensemble at midday on Saturday, August 27; and Harping On at 2pm. There will be Songs of Praise at 6pm on Sunday, August 28.

Deadline for events grant

THE Vale Council is offering financial support to local event organisers an opportunity to hold their event on the recently-refurbished Eastern Promenade at Barry Island... but those interested have only two more weeks in which to apply.

The council has available an events grant scheme from which event organisers can apply for funding of up to £1,000. Organisers who wish to apply for funding for events taking place before the end of March 2017 should contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Events Team via email to sejones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

The closing date is 12 noon on Wednesday, August 31.

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WWII fighter pilot's poem centre of unique event

ST ATHAN will be centre of a unique project that will see a poem written by a World War Two Spitfire pilot recited simultaneously across the world.

On August 18, 1941, at Llandow Airfield in the Vale, Spitfire pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee Jr wrote a poem *High Flight*.

It became the official poem of the Royal Canadian Air Force and is inscribed on memorials all over the world.

The poem also features as part of The BBC Battle of Britain Commemorations.

Pilot Officer John Magee Jr died three months after writing the poem in a mid-air collision near Lincoln.

At 12 midday, by permission of the Commanding Officer, MoD St Athan, *High Flight* will be recited simultaneously all over the world, including China, Canada, USA, Australia and the Netherlands, as well as MoD St Athan.

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Stuart Egan will be joined by HM Deputy Lord Lieutenant Colin Jones and officers representing the RAF, as well as veterans.

John Gillespie Magee Jr is survived by his brother, the Rev Canon Hugh Magee, who, along with his wife Yvonne, will be attending with the

instigator of the event, Dr Jay Pinto. The service will start at 11.45am in the Multi Faith Centre at MoD St Athan, CF62 4WA, and concludes with a celebratory concert by the Birmingham-based vintage-inspired trio, 'The Glamophones'.

High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth

And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;

Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth

of sun-split clouds – and done a hundred things

You have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung

High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,

I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung

My eager craft through footless halls of air...

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue

I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace.

Where never lark, or even eagle flew –

And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod

The high untrespassed sanctity of space,

– Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

Watch words on crime in countryside are that 'prevention is better than cure'

by GEM REPORTER

AT the Vale Show on August 10, representatives from Rural Watch – operated by Safer Vale and Safer Bridgend – were on hand to give advice to the rural community, both professionals such as landowners and farmers.

According to recent analysis by NFU Mutual of claims, across the UK, rural crime to the value of some £42.5m was committed in 2015.

Costs in Scotland were, at £1.8m, the lowest in the UK, closely followed by Wales at £2m. The value in Northern Ireland amounted to £2.7m with England making up the remainder.

Safer Vale is a partnership between South Wales Police and the Vale Council. Safer Bridgend is Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and the local force.

Officers and PCSOs, and council staff with colleagues from Victim Support, work together on the region-wide programme.

Speaking after the show, Gethin Robinson, employed by the Vale Council as a community safety manager, explained how the scheme works in the Vale.

"First, I want to reassure residents that it's an improving picture in the Vale. The rural Vale remains generally a safe place to live, work and do business."

"Rural Watch is similar to Neighbourhood Watch; the main difference being that your closest 'neighbour' in the countryside might be a mile or two away, not next door."

Mr Robinson said that prevention was better than cure.

"It's the basics, really. Shut gates; don't leave vehicles – especially quadbikes or 4X4s – or equipment in plain sight, although with a 30-foot trailer, that's not so easy."

He added that people in rural areas often have a good nose for strangers who may innocently be out for a drive, and more transient visitors.

"We do see trends, which can be seasonal – such as flygrazing in the Vale, although I am not aware of any rustling or poaching in the area – but again, it comes

down to common sense.

"Keep gates shut, put signage up warning that you're part of Rural Watch and have CCTV, and fit tracking devices to expensive equipment."

"Residents and businesspeople in the Vale can also sign up for 'community messaging'," said Mr Robinson.

"It's really simple – and it works. A person registers and then receives an email, telephone call or fax about incidents in their area."

"These schemes raise awareness and give a voice to all in the rural community, and I encourage all residents in our rural areas to become involved."

Visit safervale.co.uk and www.saferbridgend.org.uk for more information. Telephone 999 in an emergency or 101 for less urgent matters.

GEM staff (and Vale Show visitors) boost Marie Curie hospice...



Vanessa, Jan and Wendy from The GEM at the show.

MARIE CURIE Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale, is to receive £336.65 – after the GEM sales staff organised a special raffle at the Vale of Glamorgan show!

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'Scouring effect of wind' might be changing beach



PHOTOGRAPHER
Andy Wicks took this image of Whitmore Bay recently and we posed the question: does it indicate sand is being swept off the beach?

GEM reader Val Powell got in touch, and said: "You asked if the sand stripping on the beach at Barry Island was an unusual sight."

"It's not, and can be seen any day of the week as the high tide recedes."

"We've been noting the poor condition of the beach from the eastern end to almost midway for most of this year and have commented on it many times."

"Perhaps it's the scouring effect of the wind, but it certainly looks like the beach is sick."



Change Step Wales volunteers with one of the benches.

Veterans stand to and help visitors sit down

NEW benches have been installed by army veterans at St Fagan's National History Museum as part of redevelopment work on the site.

The volunteers, working together with staff from the museum's historic buildings unit, helped install the benches along the new Tarmac pathway, which leads up to Bryn Eryr Iron Age farmstead – the first building to be completed as part of the St Fagan's redevelopment project.

The veterans were volunteering through Change Step, a Welsh charity run by and for former forces personnel, offering peer mentoring and help to access relevant services, with support from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund.

The benches, which allow those

with limited mobility to reach the new buildings on the site more easily, are also sited with space for wheelchairs, so that as many as possible can enjoy a day out at St Fagan's, reputedly Wales' most popular outdoor visitor attraction.

Bethan Lewis, head of St Fagan's, said: "Visitors of all ages enjoy a day out at St Fagan's, so we were aware of the need to install benches for people to rest and enjoy the surroundings. The Change Step volunteers have done a fantastic job and the benches were installed just in time for the summer holidays. Their work has been a vital contribution to our redevelopment project here at St Fagan's and I hope they enjoyed the experience."

Entry to the seven national museums in Wales is free.

Two Show presidents together!



THESE pictures were taken at the Vale of Glamorgan Show last week by Heather March of Llantwit Major.

Former president Dr Peter Beck and Mrs Beck are pictured with president Andrew RT Davies.



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Janine and Daniel

IT'S every parent's worst nightmare to be told their newborn baby has a life-limiting condition.

When Janine Bennett from Cardiff was pregnant, there was no indication that anything was wrong with her unborn son.

But as soon as Daniel was born, he stopped breathing for six minutes and was rushed to a neonatal unit where he was resuscitated.

A few weeks later, Janine and her husband Clive were told the devastating news that their son, Daniel, had a rare genetic neuromuscular condition called myotubular myopathy.

Soon after the diagnosis, they visited Tŷ Hafan to see if it was somewhere they'd feel comfortable for Daniel to spend the rest of his short life.

Janine, a production planner at GE Healthcare, said: "When we visited we were really, really surprised. It is just such a sanctuary. From having no hope, we were given hope and we knew it was somewhere

we wanted to be." Sadly, the family never made it to Tŷ Hafan in Sully as Daniel's condition deteriorated quite quickly.

Before Daniel lost his battle at five weeks old, Tracy Hill, their Tŷ Hafan family support practitioner, supported the family at hospital.

Janine said: "Tracy made us feel normal. Even for a short time, she helped us feel like a normal family. She came to the hospital several times and helped with feet and hand impressions and memory jewellery. She also brought in a cuddly toy as it was Easter time."

Tŷ Hafan's support never stops for the bereaved. Janine and Clive often visit the hospice and Tracy still keeps in touch to offer the family support when they need it.

Janine said: "At the end of last year I was really struggling. Tracy was there to offer a calm and gentle new perspective. Her support has been invaluable."

"Tŷ Hafan is like a reassuring arm. I don't know what we would have done without them.

They helped us create precious memories with our son and have helped us deal with something that we'd be struggling to come to terms with on our own."

As a way of giving something back to the charity, Janine has been fundraising through her employer and supports Tŷ Hafan by playing the charity's popular 'Crackerjackpot' lottery every week.

Little did she know that less than a year after beginning playing, she would receive a phone call telling her she had scooped the weekly guaranteed top prize of £2,000.

Janine said: "I couldn't believe it when I found out. It's was such a lovely surprise. We are going to spend some of our winnings on a holiday to Cornwall this month to celebrate my birthday. Our lovely cat Milly-Moonbeam will also be joining us!"

Janine added: "The lottery is a great fun way to support Tŷ Hafan and you are doing something to help people on your doorstep. I am going to encourage everyone I work with to play."

"We are going to continue supporting Tŷ Hafan in any way we can."

"All the tears we've shed and the torment we've experienced is worth it knowing we are supporting other families in the same situation and helping them have the same happiness we did, even if it's for a short period."

Janine's colleagues are preparing for their second fundraising walk next spring, after



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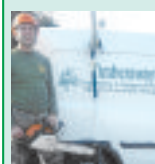


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'Back Welsh Farming' campaign at Show

NFU Cymru's 'It's Time to Back Welsh Farming' campaign rolled into roadside fields leading to the Vale of Glamorgan Show last week.

'It's Time to Back Welsh Farming' bale stickers were strategically positioned along the main routes to the showground at Fonnon Castle Park.

Abi Reader, Glamorgan NFU Cymru county chairman, said: "NFU Cymru has always taken the lead when it comes to championing public support for our Welsh farmers, so it's great to see the 'It's Time to Back Welsh Farming' campaign gathering further momentum in my home county, at such a pivotal time for the industry."



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'Inspirational' college students collect awards for adult learners...



ABOVE: Vale Inspire Award winners with Vale AM Jane Hutt and Coun Eddie Egan, deputy Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan.

FIFTEEN students from Cardiff and Vale College have been recognised for their inspirational work and dedication at a special ceremony to honour adult learners.

Organised by the Vale Learning Network, the Vale Inspire Awards 2016 celebrate lifelong learning in the Vale. Held at the college's Suite restaurant at its Barry campus, the awards were presented by the Vale's AM Jane Hutt and Deputy Mayor Coun Eddie Egan.

Gareth Williams won apprentice of the year.

Careers Wales advice for school leavers

THOUSANDS of students across Bridgend county borough are receiving their A-level results today, hoping to progress into full-time education, or the workplace.

Careers Wales will be offering dedicated results days services, including A-level webinars, social media support and a Careers Wales Connect telephone advice line. The national advice service's 'Are You Ready for Work?' roadshow is in Swansea city centre for A-level results day, and Cardiff for GCSE results day.

The Careers Wales helpline will be available Monday to Friday from 9am - 6pm on 0800 028 4844 to those receiving A-level and GCSE results.

Gareth, an apprentice with CAVC and personal trainer service Barry FITM8, overcame personal difficulties and is now training to be an instructor and hopes to progress on to becoming a personal trainer.

The health and wellbeing award went to Jordan Leach who, despite facing numerous barriers in life, found that returning to education contributed massively to his mental health and wellbeing.

Jordan has been able to update his skills, apply for new jobs and is now on a CAVC Foundation degree in law. He hopes to progress on to university to top up to a full degree, and then pursue a legal career.

Roda Hussein received the lifelong learning award. Roda had no English when she came to the UK from Somalia aged 12 and was bullied at school. She applied to CAVC to study health sciences but was signposted to ESOL (English for speakers of other languages).

From ESOL, Roda progressed to a Level 2 business diploma and then Level 3. She was accepted by Cardiff Metropolitan University to study a degree in international business management and plans to become a social entrepreneur.

"It's amazing to win this award," Roda, who is also a CAVC Community Governor, said. "I'm blessed to represent my community at the college - it's been like a second home to me."

Charlotte Mould won the progression award, having progressed from Level 1 Health and Social Care through Level 2 and Level 3, achieving the highest grades. Despite thinking she would never qualify for university, in part due to her dyslexia, Charlotte has received an offer from Swansea University

to study BSc mental health nursing.

Four CAVC learners also received awards for progression into higher education: Shahana Raahat-Hussein, Megan Harrington, Spencer Penn and Andrew Gwynne.

Junaid Akmal, who received a progression to work award, lost an arm at early age and was fitted with a prosthetic arm. An infrequent attendee at school, Junaid initially did not enjoy his entry level course at CAVC, but he and his tutor were able to set specific targets with the aim of getting him into work.

Junaid is now working at the Royal Mail sorting office in Cardiff, and is waiting to find out if he will be awarded a permanent contract.

The tutor award went to Leham Abraham, who originally came to the UK as an asylum seeker and enrolled on an ESOL course with CAVC in 2004. She progressed over the next few years and successfully achieved a Level 2 diploma in business.

Always supportive of her fellow students on the courses she took, Leham volunteered as an assistant to her college department. She has completed the Level 3 ESOL practitioners course and is now an adult learning support worker. She has taught across a number of CAVC courses and within the community and is studying for her postgraduate certificate in education at the college.

Harry Cole and Sabrina Islam both won young learner awards. Abouzar Noghani won the Sports Development Award for his work in supporting the CAVC ESOL football team and progressing from an ESOL course to a Sports Coaching degree from the University of Glamorgan.

Abouzar has worked with CCFC's under-21 team and is moving to Lisbon to join the coaching team at a Portuguese club.

Mark Rees was honoured with the role model award as a health and wellbeing learner and has turned his life around, losing six stone before starting the course and completely transforming his approach to health.

Mark has recently run in the Cardiff Half Marathon, set up cricket tester days for fellow CAVC students and volunteers for Welsh Gymnastics, supporting heats for children with disabilities. He now wants to use his experience to inspire others and aims to become a fitness trainer.

The overall Vale Inspire Award also went to a CAVC student. Lydia Evans came to CAVC to study childcare as a young single mother who was living in difficult conditions and was often supported by the student emergency fund.

An excellent student who always achieved top grades despite having to make many sacrifices, Lydia applied for sessional work at Flying Start and has now been taken on as a full time practitioner.

Aviation company AerFin was also recognised for its work in supporting CAVC's aircraft engineering students.

Jane Hutt AM said: "The stories of all of the winners we have heard this evening are so positive - they are absolutely remarkable. They have done through ambition, energy and skill and with the backing others, the Vale Learning Network and College tutors."

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Cardiff and Vale College joins forces with leading universities to increase its range of courses in higher education

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) has partnered with a range of leading universities to increase its provision of higher education courses.

The college has doubled the number of university courses on offer, introducing a range of new and exciting degree options. People can study for a university degree of their choice at CAVC, and places are still available for the 2016/17 academic year.

Going to a local college makes it possible to gain a university education without the cost of leaving home to study. CAVC's wide range of higher education courses are offered in partnership with leading universities from across the country – from foundation degrees that can be topped up, to a full degree by taking a third year in university – right up to postgraduate study with the PGCE teaching qualification.

From game art and design to finance, the courses are designed to meet the needs of employers from across

the region and beyond, equipping graduates with the skills and expertise to address job market demands.

Students can benefit from the outstanding facilities on offer at the college, including a dedicated higher education centre in its £45m new city centre campus in Cardiff. The emphasis is on learning in an environment which fully prepares students for the world of work.

CAVC's industry-standard facilities, including the internationally recognised Cardiff International Sports Campus in Leckwith and the International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT) as well as the college's extensive creative studios and workshops, stand CAVC graduates in good stead for their future careers.

Further advantages of higher level study at the college include access to both college and university facilities, staying close to home while studying which saves money on travel and accommodation, and part-time study to fit in with work or other commitments.

The college works alongside the University College Birmingham and

Buckingham New University, Cardiff Met, Kingston University, the University of South Wales and University of West London, giving people the opportunity to gain university-level qualifications in a range of subjects. Many are unique to the region.

Courses include a new airline and airport management degree, which is based at ICAT. This internationally-renowned facility, based at Cardiff Airport, includes classrooms as well as specialist workshops, laboratories and a real-life hangar with aircraft.

Lewis Richmond is studying for a bachelor of science degree in aircraft engineering at ICAT. CAVC students such as Lewis can progress from Level 3 courses on to the college's HE programme.

"I've always been interested in engineering but I wasn't sure what field was for me," Lewis said. "Aircraft engineering covered the key areas I was looking for; hydraulics, pneumatics and electrics."

"I progressed on to the BSc Honours Degree from the Level 3 course here at CAVC. That course really opens your eyes to how much goes on inside an aircraft and it highlighted that this was the industry for me."

"The college has a link with British Airways, which is based just around the corner. It's a great way to learn and a stepping stone for getting into the industry. I've had a six-week placement with BA previously and have another three-week block coming up soon." Daniel Lock, who is studying the HND in computing, said: "I've been studying IT at the

college and this HND course is great as it's more in-depth at this level and is delivered in partnership with the University of South Wales. I've experienced website development as well as programming, databases and now practical aspects such as digital media – which involve Photoshop, HTML and producing websites.

"These skills are really transferable. The tutors are very helpful – I can always ask them for advice whenever I need it."

New and established foundation degrees and HND/Cs on offer include hospitality, tourism and events management; fashion styling; electrical engineering; performing arts; film; psychology; product design; ceramics; care; service sector management; graphic communications; textiles; sport coaching; photography; popular music technology; business; IT; teaching and more.

Students at CAVC are reputed to be among the most satisfied in the country, with the college rated above the national average for teaching and learning. The college has a 90 per cent success rate for students studying university level courses, which is 11.4 per cent up on the national comparator, and the college has specialist lecturers who are fully engaged with their industries and the latest trends and developments.

There is also a bursary scheme for all HE learners on full-time or part-time courses.

There is still time to find a place on a higher education course at Cardiff and Vale College that starts in September for the 2016-17 academic year. Call the college's clearing team on 029 20 250 382 or visit an open enrolment day at Cardiff City Centre Campus, Dumballs Road, or the Barry Campus on Colcot Road on Wednesday, August 31 from 10am – 7.30pm.

NEWS FROM FONMON APIARY On Sentinel duty to watch out for pests!

THE beekeeping year is well advanced now; swarming has been a factor for me to handle here at the apiary, plus multiple calls from the public to deal with swarms on and in their properties.

Swarming is not at all unusual; it is, after all, how honeybees secure the survival of the species – it is just that some years, swarming is more pronounced than others.

To date, I have carried out one in-depth examination of the colonies at Fonmon apiary in my

role of Sentinel apiary! Throughout the British Isles, I and other beekeepers have been asked to play our part, in conjunction with the National Bee Unit inspectors, in early detection of exotic pests that threaten the existence of the bees.

This month, the local inspector (Dinah Sweet) from Caerphilly has paid me a visit and has informed me that there will now be three inspections per year instead of two, due to the increased threat of exotica appearing.

What are these exotic pests? 1: Tropilaelaps – another mite in the same category as the already well-established varroa mite. 2: The Small Hive Beetle – this, as the name suggests, is a beetle that, unlike the fluid-sucking mites, will completely trash a colony of honeybees. 3: The Asian Hornet – this hornet is a predator of honeybees, it will patrol the area of a hive and, given the opportunity, it will kill bees and eventually bring about colony failure.

Can I stress that we do not have any confirmed findings of the above mentioned species to date. However, it is only a matter of time! And as we have a penchant for shipping foodstuffs and materials around the world, we do assist many alien species be they plant or animal to invade areas where natural barriers would prevent such occurrences.

As I have mentioned the year is moving on and our literature is reminding us to look to preparing our bees for the coming winter. The times they are a-changing and it will be the weather and the state of the colonies, not the calendar, that must guide us.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Campaigning group secures deal for elderly home owners

A CAMPAIGNING group for older people says that building societies are changing their rules on lending to the elderly after intensive lobbying by the group.

At the 2016 annual general meeting of the Principality Building Society in Cardiff, chief executive officer Graeme Howes confirmed that the society would be revising its lending policy for older customers.

The effect could be that more people will be able to stay in their homes, rather than move to a care home.

In previous years, lending to people in this category hasn't been considered on a case by case basis, as age caps are in place across the mortgage industry.

Mortgage companies see their main business as younger customers in many cases those wishing to get on the property ladder.

Howard Lewis, the chairman of the United Kingdom Older Peoples' Advisory Group and a co-director of Change Agents Network UK Ltd – a type of co-operative – had raised this subject previously with Principality and, subsequently, congratulated the board on its decision to look again at lending into retirement and the lending needs of older people.

Mr Yorston acknowledged that the persistence of people such as Mr Lewis had kept this issue at the top of their agenda.

Mr Lewis said that



ABOVE: Howard Lewis speaking at the Principality AGM. (Photo by Paul Jones).

older housing stock is often found to be unsuitable for the elderly or infirm, often forcing them to move – or even enter care homes or hospital, with all their associated costs.

The possibility of loans to senior citizens to enable any necessary modifications to be carried out is, said Mr Lewis, a huge step forward.

He added: "It's been encouraging to learn on the news that other companies have since raised the age 'ceiling' to which finance may be borrowed."

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AS A FAMILY MOVIE, PETE'S DRAGON IS JUST 'ROARSOME'

ASIDE from its clever mix of live-action and animation, 1977's Pete's Dragon isn't a film that particularly lives long in the memory

Unsurprisingly then, that it's a film ripe for remaking as director David Lowery shepherds *Pete's Dragon* into cinemas for a 21st-century audience.

Its stars Oakes Fegley as Pete, a young boy orphaned after a car accident who is found

and looked after by the eponymous dragon of the title, a creature Pete names Elliott.

Eight years later and Pete is found in the woods by park ranger Grace (Bryce Dallas Howard). Returned to civilisation, Pete is initially mistrusting of the people who want to help him, but when Elliott goes looking for Pete and is found by logger Gavin (Karl Urban), he is forced to put his faith in Grace, her father Meacham (Robert Redford), her partner (and Gavin's brother) Jack (Wes Bentley) and his

daughter Natalie (Oona Laurence) in order to save Elliott...

Director David Lowery isn't the first name you would associate with the remaking of a family film; his 2013 breakthrough *Ain't Them Bodies Saints* was the tale of an escaped outlaw reuniting with the family he'd never met, and yet while on the surface it would seem an ill-fit, digging beneath the layers there's plenty to connect it to *Pete's Dragon*.

You have the underlying sense of family, the need to find both solace and resolution with that, and the notion that what drives us to do anything is the desire to be accepted by our loved ones.

Thematically there is a sense of parallel lines here (albeit with added CGI dragon), and yet what makes *Pete's Dragon* soar is the way it takes its cues from the family films of the 1980s in that it places story and character head and shoulders above anything else, resulting in a heartfelt and absorbing slice of

cinema.

The fact that the impressively-rendered Elliott feels almost like an afterthought shows where Lowery places the emphasis, having had a hand in writing the script.

The film has an earthy, non-fantastical feel, low-key and yet amidst the dragon shenanigans there is a weight placed on the story.

The opening is both heartbreakingly sad and then uplifting, and this sets the tone for the film throughout, moments of emotional resonance rubbing against exhilarating sequences. It is an assured outing for Lowery, who hasn't sacrificed his directorial instincts when being given a broader and more expansive canvas to work on.

The film carries an almost timeless feel, yet feels as though it is rooted in the late 1970s-early 1980s, perhaps a genuine nod to the impact the films of Amblin, for example, had on this production.

The cast are all superb, with Oakes Fegley delivering one

of the most impressive young turns seen in a long while. We've seen how youngsters sometime struggle to work in a CGI-heavy environment (*The Jungle Book* most notably) yet Fegley nails the interaction with Elliott, while his post-rescue struggle to come to terms with the world is reminiscent of Jacob Tremblay's performance in *Room*.

Bryce Dallas Howard offers a warm shoulder of support as the adult that Pete most connects with, while Oona Laurence's Natalie shares a likeable chemistry with Fegley.

Robert Redford's grizzled old story teller (he is the only person in the town to have seen the dragon) is a neat little turn, while Karl Urban's 'villain' is the latest in the line of slightly pompous, buffoonish characters that these films thrive on, the actor relishing the role.

And yet for all the human performances, it

is the realisation of Elliott that is the key to how good the film is. An odd blend of dragon with a canine-like face, he has all the attributes of a young puppy and as such is easy to fall for as Pete cares for him and vice-versa.

Their relationship is central to the film as a whole, but Elliott himself is superbly brought to life.

In a summer that has seen films with the visual volume turned up crash and burn, it's a pleasure to see something so beautifully crafted and subtle as this.

It is a family film and makes no bones about it, but under the auspices of David Lowery it becomes something far more substantial and satisfying - *Pete's Dragon* is a roar-some film!

VERDICT - A brilliant film that is one of the most surprisingly enjoyable films not just of the summer but of the year so far, there is

so much to savour and enjoy about *Pete's Dragon*.

David Lowery's sensitive direction, superb performances and an engaging and uplifting story all converge to make a truly satisfying film. Highly recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKE: *Super 8* (2011), *ET* (1982).



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back to school



Pandora Christie.

Help is at hand on exam results day

THE Department for Education's exam results helpline is back, following the success of last year, when it supported over 9,500 students who received their A Level and GCSE

results, and it will open on A-Level results day today (August 18).

KISS FM presenter Pandora Christie is supporting the helpline and wants to make sure that all young people are aware of it: "Getting exam results is a nerve racking time.

"When I did my exams, there were subjects that I loved – like English language, drama, history and Spanish – so I enjoyed studying for them.

"But I really struggled with maths and science for some reason; I just couldn't get my head around it, even with extra tuition.

"I remember sitting in the exam room sweating and dreading it, looking at my physics paper and thinking – I don't understand any of this, can someone help?"

"When I got my results I found that I did well in most subjects... apart from maths and science, which I got a D for. After my GCSEs, I went straight into employment and signed up to a casting agency, but I later went on to do an AS in Spanish.

"I thought about going to university to do a drama degree, but I started to get a lot of acting jobs, so I never got round to applying.

"It's funny the way that things work out and that's why you shouldn't despair or panic when you get your exam results!

"When it's time, first of all, don't panic! The advisers at the Exam Results Helpline will be ready and waiting to give you the advice you need."

The Exam Results Helpline – 0800 100 8000 – opens on August

18 and remains open every day until August 31, so that students can call in to talk through their options.

Specialist Careers Advisers will be ready to provide guidance on a range of topics including resits, vocational courses, gap years, funding, careers and employment.

Students who are reconsidering their options based on results they have or have not achieved, should contact the Exam Results Helpline on 0800 100 8000.

If a student has a specific query about their university application, he or she should contact the UCAS Contact Centre on 0871 468 0468.

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Good response to the Western Front display

THE team manning the Western Front Association's tent at the Vale Show last week got a lot of very appreciative comments from visitors about the display of medals and artefacts.

Unsurprisingly, as the centenary of the Battle of Mametz Wood has only just passed, the display about the battle attracted a lot of attention, often from people whose ancestors had fought there.

A display of medals of members of the Glamorgan Yeomanry also attracted a lot of interest, again because of family connections with the regiment which served in Egypt during the war.

We had a steady flow of visitors of all ages throughout the day. The weapons on display

caught the attention of many of the children, but quite a few seemed to be as interested in learning more about the war having come across it at school.

Quite a few of the grown-ups were interested in aspects of the war and, hopefully, learned a lot from talking to members of our team.

The general view seemed to be that the war was a dreadful waste, but that those who fought it for us should never be forgotten.

The south Wales branch of the association meets in Cardiff on the first Friday of the month at 7pm for 7.30pm at the Conservative Club in Ely Road. New members are always welcome and you can see more about our activities in the branch's page on the WFA website.

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The Llantrisant Walk is one for the whole family and the day will be packed with fun and fundraising, plus a chance to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

"Many will take the opportunity to walk for someone special and get sponsorship money in their name.

"Why not make this your last fun challenge of the summer?" a spokeswoman said.

"There will be an 'after walk party' where you can kick off your walking boots and

enjoy a free party with a DJ, an amazing ukulele band and a bouncy castle in the Llantrisant Leisure Centre.

"The Llantrisant Walk is hosted by The Pontyclun and District Macmillan fundraising group and MPS Healthcare Ltd is the main sponsor for the 2016 event.

The registration fee is £10 and includes t-shirt, goody bag and Macmillan Walk 2016 medal memento.

Children under 12 walk free, but will still get a goody bag, a medal and an invitation to the party."

To register online, visit the website www.macmillan.org.uk/LlantrisantWalk or for more information check out www.macpontyclun.co.uk.

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by Andy Johnstone

AS the dust settles on another Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show, comparisons with previous years' shows will be made.

However, if one has not been to the show before, the only comparison can be with – no names, no pack drill – myriad other shows around Wales and the rest of the UK.

The Vale Show compares very favourably, very... 'Goldilocks' in its way.

Not too big, not too small, but just right. It helps, naturally, that the sun shone and the cloud covered in the right proportions, and that no rain fell.

More than this, the atmosphere is different. It benefits by not having the corporate nature of some mega-agricultural shows, or the cookie-cutter approach of the branded countryside shows.

No, the Vale Show is a day of town-meets-country right in the heart of The GEM's patch.

Given a generous budget, one could have driven away with anything from a Range Rover Evoque convertible to the latest Landini tractor, a spa pool to a camping pod, and from a prize ram to a laying hen – and everything in between.

Given a more limited budget, it's a grand day out, and – cliché alert – fun for all the family.

Magnificent animals reigned supreme in the Open Hunter rounds, while the elegance of skilled equestriennes riding side-saddle drew gasps of admiration from all.

The beasts of the field in the livestock classes aptly demonstrated – a microcosm of Welsh agriculture, really – the quality of cattle and sheep, and farming in general, in the Vale.

NFU Cymru's #BackWelshFarming and the FFW's #FarmingMatters campaigns received timely promotion at the Vale Show.

Better than the supermarkets' version, it's an ideal way to see the farm-to-fork journey first-hand.

And many – adults and children – at the show saw the benefit of this, especially when milk prices, according to Government figures are, at around 19 pence per litre, down from 2013's high of some 35 pence per litre, and the lowest for 10 years.

A show of this size, ably managed by volunteers, takes a year to organise, so congratulations to all concerned and here's to the 2017 Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show!

See pages 24 and 25 for more photographs of the Vale Show.



ABOVE:
In the
judging
ring.

RIGHT:
Getting
ready for
the poultry
section
judges to
arrive.



VALE SHOW RESULTS

Any pure beef breed other than Limousin or native breed

Class 1, Bull any age – first, S W Pegington, Nanty Gelli Farm, Llangwm; second, Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm, Tonyrefail.

Class 2, Cow or heifer with calf at foot or cow in calf – No entries.

Class 3, Heifer in calf – first, S W Pegington.

Class 4, Maiden heifer – first, Rhys Millichap; second, Rhys Millichap; third, Rhys Millichap.

Class 5, The Welsh County Shows Competition for pedigree beef pairs owned by the same exhibitors – first, Rhys Millichap; second, Rhys Millichap; third, S W Pegington.

Championship for any breed other than Limousin and native beef breed

The Peter Wood and Sons Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in the any other breed classes – Champion, Rhys Millichap; reserve, S W Pegington.

Any pure native breed

Class 6, Bull any age – first, V J Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm, Llancarfan; second, V J Thomas & Sons; third, Stephen Lakin, Garm Farm, Wenvoe.

Class 7, Cow or heifer with calf at foot or cow in calf – first, Stephen Lakin.

Class 8, Heifer in calf – first, Arwyn Prichard, St Vians Hill, St Nicholas; second, Mr A K Thomas, New Breaua Farm.

Class 9, Maiden heifer – first, Arwyn Prichard; second, Mr A J Thomas.

Class 10, The Welsh County Shows Competition for pedigree beef pairs owned by the same exhibitor – first, Arwyn Prichard; second, Stephen Lakin.

Champion (rosette) for best Hereford

The Miss Ellen Thomas Challenge Cup for the best Hereford exhibit – Champion, V J Thomas & Sons; reserve, Arwyn Prichard.

Championship for the best pure native beef breed

The Hudstone shield for the best pure native beef championship – Champion, V J Thomas & Sons; reserve, Arwyn Prichard.

The Dalgetty Crossfields Cup for the best pair of beef cattle – Winner, Rhys Millichap; reserve, Gareth Jenkins, Tynewydd Farm, Groes Faen.

Championships

The Herbert R Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in the beef classes – Champion, Rhys Millichap; Gareth Jenkins.

Class 17, Best beef herd, judged on a farm (min 20 breeding cows) suckler herd, pedigree or commercial – first, R D Edwards & Son, Pwllwyrach Farm, Colwinston; second, Rhys Millichap; T D Llewellyn & Son, Old Beaupre Farm, St Hilary; fourth, Arwyn Prichard.

Class 11, Bull any age – first, Gareth Jenkins; second, Gareth Jenkins.

Class 12, Cow or heifer with calf at foot or cow in calf – First, Gareth Jenkins; second, E & N Phillips, Blackmeadows, Llantilo Crossenny.

Class 13, Heifer in calf – no entries.

Class 14, Maiden heifer – first, L M Howells, Gelli Farm, Cymmer.

Class 15, The Welsh County Shows Competition for pedigree beef pairs owned by the same exhibitor – first, Gareth Jenkins.

The MT Board Cup for the best pair of Limousin – First, Gareth Jenkins.

The Arthur John and Co Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in the Limousin classes – Champion, Gareth Jenkins; reserve, Gareth Jenkins.

Class 17, Calf under 12 months on day of show – first, Mr and Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport; second, Mr and Mrs Rickard; third, V J Thomas & Sons.

Class 18, Maiden heifer over 12 and under 18 months on day of show (not in calf) – first, R and M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm, Pyle; second, V J Thomas & Sons; R and M Lougher & Sons.

Class 19, Heifer in calf – First, Mr and Mrs Rickard; second, R and M Lougher & Sons; third, V J Thomas & Sons.

Class 20, Cow in calf but not in milk, any age – first, R and M Lougher & Sons.

Class 21, Heifer in milk – first, V J Thomas & Sons; second, Mr and Mrs Rickard; V J Thomas & Sons.

The Ladbroke (Bridgend Creamery) Challenge Shield (winner of class 21) – winner, V J Thomas & Sons.

Class 22, Junior cow in milk (second/third lactation only) – First, Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe; second, V J Thomas & Sons; third, R and M Lougher & Sons.

Class 23, Senior cow in milk (fourth lactation and above) – first, R and M Lougher & Sons; second, V J Thomas & Sons; R and M Lougher & Sons.

Class 24, Group of 8 in calf Holstein heifer – first, R and M Lougher & Sons; second, V J Thomas & Sons; third, Jack Evans & Son, Marcross Farm, Marcross; fourth, G Anthony, Haregrove Farm.

The Golden Vale Dairies Perpetual Challenge Cup (winner of class 23) – winner, R and M Lougher & Sons.

Championship for the best Holstein exhibit

The Glynne Clay Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in the Holstein classes – Champion, Abi Reader; reserve, R & M Lougher & Sons.

Class 25, Maiden heifer (not in calf) – first, Abi Reader; second, RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend; third, Abi Reader.

Class 26, Heifer in calf – first and second, RP & KJ Granville; third, Abi Reader.

Class 27, Dairy cow – first, second and third, Abi Reader.

The Richard Taylor Perpetual Challenge Cup

Winner, Abi Reader.

Class 28, Heifer in milk – first, Mr & Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport; second, RP & KJ Granville.

Championship for any other pure dairy breed

Champion, Abi Reader. Reserve, Mr & Mrs Rickard.

Class 29, Interbreed production and inspection classes (NNR & CIS) – first, second and third, R & M Lougher & Sons.

The Spillers Perpetual Challenge Cup – R & M Lougher & Sons.

Class 30, Best pair of dairy females, owned and shown by same

exhibitor – first, R & M Lougher & Sons; second, Mr & Mrs Rickard; third, VJ Thomas Sons.

The Bill Francis Memorial Challenge Trophy – champion, R & M Lougher & Sons; reserve, Mr & Mrs Rickard.

Class 31, Group of three dairy cattle, owned by the same exhibitor – first, R & M Lougher & Sons; second, VJ Thomas & Sons; third, Abi Reader.

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Championship for best dairy calf – Champion Mr & Mrs Rickard; reserve, R & M Lougher & Sons.

Best heifer in milk

Champion, VJ Thomas & Sons; reserve, Mr 7 Mrs Rickard.

Best cow in milk

Champion, Abi Reader; reserve, R & M Lougher & sons.

Best dairy cow or heifer in the Show

TJ Yorwerth Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup – champion, Abi Reader; reserve, R & M Lougher & Sons.

Supreme Championship for best exhibitor in the cattle classes

Wyndham Ivor Radcliffe Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup – champion, Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm, Tonyrefail; reserves, VJ Thomas & Sons; Gareth Jenkins, Tynewydd Farm, Groes Faen; Abi Reader.

Class 32, Handler 12 and under on day of show; calf 12 months and under, any breed – first, VJ Thomas & Sons (May Thomas); second, Sophie & Megan Powell, Tyrrywen, Maesycwmmer, Henoed; third, R & M Lougher & Sons; fourth and fifth, Abi Reader.

Class 17c, Glamorgan Farm Supplies Perpetual Challenge Trophy – VJ Thomas & Sons (May Thomas).

Class 33, Handler ages 13-18 on day of show, calf 12 months and under, any breed – first, Mr & Mrs Rickard; second and third, VJ Thomas & Sons; fourth, RP & KJ Granville; fifth, Mr & Mrs Rickard; sixth, Sophie & Megan Powell.

Class 18c, The PJ Llewellyn Perpetual Challenge Cup – Mr & Mrs Rickard (Ben Baker).

Class 34, Handler 19-26 on day of show, calf 18 months and under, any breed – first, RP & KJ Granville; VJ Thomas & Sons; third, R & M Lougher & Sons.

WJ Bassett Perpetual Challenge Trophy – RP & KJ Granville (Kste Granville).

Class 35 – first, E Williams, Castell Llwyd Farm, Nelson; second, SH & C Williams, Pantycornant Farm, Glynogwr; third, E Williams.

Class 36 – first and second, E Williams; third, Arthur Davies, Maes yr Onw, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Class 37 – first, Arthur Davies; second and third, SH & C Williams.

Class 38 – first and second, E Williams; third, SH & C Williams.

Championship for best exhibit in

Welsh Mountain sheep classes

Western Mail Perpetual Challenge Trophy for best exhibit – champion, E Williams; reserve, Arthur Davies.

Class 39 Ram – first, Miss Bethan Emma Davies, Bryn yr Eglwys, Llanfynydd, Carmar; second, M/s Palmer & Hayward, Ysgurorgoch Farm, St Andrews Major, Dinas Powys; third, Paul Bertorelli, Pencoeed Farm, Brynecethin.

Class 40 Ram lamb – first, Mr & Mrs HCH Williams, 38 Fairwater Way, Fairwater, Cardiff; second, M/S Palmer & Hayward; third, Miss Bethan Emma Davies.

Class 41 One ewe – first, Miss Bethan E Davies; second, Mr & Mrs HCH Williams; third, Edward Morgan, 8 Phoenix Way, Penallta, Hengoed.

Class 42, One ewe lamb – first, Edward Morgan. second, M/S Palmer & Hayward; third, Delyth & Elin Meredith, Llyngeren Farm, Pontsticill.

Richard Evans-Bevan Perpetual challenge tankard for the best exhibit in the Black Welsh Mountain sheep classes

Champion, Miss Bethan E Davies; reserve, Mr & Mrs HCH Williams.

Class 43, Ram – first, Eifion Hughes, Frondeg, Gurrey Banc, Llanello; second, TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston; third, Christopher Cornock, Red House Farm, St Brides, Wentlooge.

Class 44, Ram lamb – first, Rhian Lewis, Wigfa Farm, Cilybebyll; second, Eifion Hughes; third, TR & J Harris.

Class 45, One ewe – first, TR & J Harris; second, Christopher Cornock; third, Rhian Lewis.

Class 46, One ewe lamb – first, Rhian Lewis; second, Eifion Hughes; third, TR & J Harris.

Championship for best exhibit in

the Suffolk sheep classes

Edwards Geldard Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit in the Suffolk Sheep classes – champion, Eifion Hughes; reserve, TR & J Harris.

Class 47, Ram – first and second, TC & RL Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd; third, J & B Booker, Cae Cadno, Taliaris, Llanello.

Class 48, Ram lamb – first, J & B Booker; second, TC & RL Adams; third, AF Williams, 80 Dobbins Road, Barry.

Class 49, One ewe – first, TC & RL Adams; second, J & B Booker; third, AF Williams.

Class 50, One ewe lamb – first, TC & RL Adams. second and third, J & B Booker.

Mary Homfray Perpetual Challenge Trophy for best exhibit in the Texel Sheep classes – champion, TC & RL Adams; reserve, J & B Booker.

Class 51, Ram – first, Peter Lewis, Carreg Ddu, Llanellen, Abergavenny; second, Mr SJ Gilbert, Gollwy Y Haul, Brecon Road, Pencsae.

Class 52, Ram lamb – first, Mr SJ Gilbert.

Class 53, One ewe – first, Mr SJ Gilbert; second, Peter Lewis; third, Mr SJ Gilbert.

Class 54, One ewe lamb – first, Mr SJ Gilbert.

Championship for best exhibit in

the Ryland Sheep classes

Tom Davies 'Monkton' Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy for

best exhibit in the Ryland Sheep classes – champion, Mr SJ Gilbert; reserve, Peter Lewis.

Class 55, Ram – first, John Harding, Ingst Hill Farm, Bristol.

Class 56, Ram lamb – first, TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant; second and third, Mr Justin Evans, Ty Draw Farm, St Andrews Major.

Class 57, One ewe – first, Mr Justin Evans; second, A Groucott, c/o Swffryd Farm, Hafodyrnyns, Crumlin; third, TL Prichard.

Class 58, One ewe lamb – first, TL Prichard; second, Mr Justin Evans; third, TL Prichard.

Championship for best exhibit in the

Continental Breed sheep classes

Champion, C & F Jantain, Ty Newydd Farm; reserve, R Llewellyn, West Farm, Wick.

Class 59, Ram – first, Michaela & Bleddyn Beck, 14 Clos Joslin, Coity; second, AT & PR Jones, High Howe Farm, Raglan; third, TR & J Harris.

Class 60, Ram lamb – first, AT & PR Jones; second, Michaela & Bleddyn Beck; third, James & Natalie Hepburn, 14 Sanctuary Court, Cardiff.

Class 61, One ewe – first, AT & PR Jones; second and third, TR & J Harris.

Class 62, One ewe lamb – first, AT & PR Jones; second, TR & J Harris; third, AF Williams.

Championship for best exhibit in the open Mixed

Continental Breed, other than Texel sheep classes

Champion, Mr Justin Evans; reserve, TL Prichard.

Class 63, Ram – first, Miss H Jones, c/o Swffryd Farm, Hafodyrnyns, Crumlin; second, R Llewellyn, West Farm, Wick; third, Jane Bissett, Castelfield, Moulton, Cardiff.

Class 64, Ram lamb – first, Carys & Ffion Jenkins, Tynewydd Farm, Groes Faen; second, Mr AJ Tomas, New Breach Farm, Crossways; third, Carys & Ffion Jenkins.

Class 65, One ewe – first and second, Carys & Ffion Jenkins; third, R Llewellyn.

Class 66, One ewe lamb – first, R Llewellyn; second, Carys & Ffion Jenkins; third, Miss H Jones.

Championship for best exhibit in the open mixed

Native Breed other than Welsh Mountain, Black Welsh Mountain, Suffolk and Ryland Sheep classes

Champion, AT & PR Jones; reserve, Michaela and Bleddyn Beck.

Class 67, Group of three Continental Breed sheep (one male and two females) – first, TL Prichard; second, J & B Booker; third, AF Williams.

Class 68, Group of three Native breed sheep (one male and two females) – first, Miss Bethan E Davies; second, AT & PR Jones; third, Oliver Morgan, 8 Phoenix Way, Penallta, Hengoed.

Championship for best group of three sheep

RS Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup for the champion group of three – champion, TL Prichard; reserve, Miss Bethan E Davies.

Class 69, Best ram lamb (untrimmed) – first, TL Prichard; second, Rhian Lewis, Wigfa Farm, Cilybebyll; third, Mr Justin Evans.

Class 70, novice sheep handler – first, Kate Perkins, Duffryn Isaf Farm, Bewas; second, Ian Roberts, Maesllan Farm, Blackmill; third, Tom Naylor, Ty Mawr Farm, Llangan.

Class 71, a pair of Butcher Lambs (under 35kg) – first, A Groucott; second, Rob David, Torgelly Farm, Llanharry; third, K Salter, Graig Ddu Farm, Dinas.

Class 72, a pair of Butcher Lambs (over 35kg) – first, Rob David; second, Ian Roberts; third, AF Williams.

Championship for best exhibit in

the commercial sheep classes

Mrs Cameron-Rose Perpetual Challenge Bowl for the best exhibit in the Commercial Sheep classes – champion, Rob David; reserve, AF Williams.

Supreme Championship for best exhibit in any of the sheep classes

Pinkstone Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in any of the Sheep classes – champion, Miss H Jones; reserve, Justin Evans.

Class 73, Pet Lamb class, handler 16 years or under – first, Tom Naylor, ty Mawr Farm, Llangan; second, Caroline Perkins, third, Mr 7 Mrs HCH Williams.

Mrs Mary Williams Cup for the winner of the Pet Lamb classes – Kate Naylor, Ty Mawr Farm, Llangan.

Best turned-out sheep in show, prize £20 – Bethan Davies, Bryn yr Eglwys, Llanfynydd, Carm.

Class 150, Fine and medium, including Merinos, Suffolk, Ryland, Charlais Downs, Halfbred, Texel and Lleyn – first and second, D Williams, Blackmill; third, Jane Bissett, Castlefield, Moulton.

Class 151, Cross and lustre, including Mule, Greyface, Wensleydale, Lincoln and Devon – first, TR & J Harris; second, D Williams; third, TR & J Harris.

Class 152, Hill and mountain including Radnor, Beulah, Cheviot, Blackface and Welsh – first, D Williams.

Class 153, Natural coloured including Jacob, Black Welsh Mountain, Herdwick, Shetland or any other pure bred or crossbred fleece – first, D Williams DGW, Dolau, Blackmill; second, TR & J Harris; third, Jane Bissett.

BEAMING SMILES TELL IT ALL AS SUN SHINES BRIGHT ON THE VALE SHOW

Pictures on this page
by MIKE WILCOCK

Smiles bright as the sun that shone on this year's successful Vale of Glamorgan Show, were captured by the photographer's camera, as VIP guests mingled with the crowds last Thursday.



Behind the scenes



VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW SCALES NEW HEIGHTS AT FONMON CASTLE!

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AS usual, the Vale's popular family Show was not just about the serious business of competition – there was also entertainment and lots of fun to be had on the day!



Lifeguards and helicopter rescue woman at Rest Bay

RNLI lifeguards from two Porthcawl beaches assisted a woman who got into difficulty in shallow water on Tuesday (August 16).

Lifeguards on Rest Bay were first alerted to the incident at about 3.30pm after the elderly woman was reported to be in trouble, halfway between the two lifeguarded beaches of Rest Bay and Pink Bay.

Lifeguards Lewis Evans and Lauren Blake from Rest Bay and Dan Mohammed and Tom Davies from Pink Bay, went to the woman's aid, carrying a trauma bag with a range of first aid equipment.

By the time they arrived on the scene, about 500metres from Rest Bay, the woman had been

helped out of the water by a member of the public.

She was conscious and breathing, but there was concern that she had swallowed water, so lifeguards immediately called for a medical evacuation.

They administered oxygen to the woman and treated minor cuts to her legs, before the Coastguard Search and Rescue helicopter arrived to airlift her to hospital.

Also in attendance were Coastguard Rescue Teams and South Wales Police.

Matt Childs, RNLI Lifeguard Supervisor, said: 'This was a multi-agency incident and our lifeguards worked well with other emergency service teams to help this woman. We hope she has a speedy recovery.'

WHAT'S ON, WHERE, AND WHEN?

Zumba in Pyle

MICHELLE will be back to run the Zumba classes at KPC Youth in Pyle from Tuesday, August 23 at 9.30am – 10.30am.

All are welcome, with a voluntary contribution to the session.

For more information contact Alison on 01656 749219 or email: kpcyouth@hotmail.com.

Care and Repair

IF you are a home-owner, or private tenant living in the Vale of Glamorgan, are elderly, disabled, and need advice and support on repairs or home improvements, Care and Repair Cardiff and Vale can help.

It can also offer advice on grants available and reputable companies to use.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding an information session on Tuesday, August 23 at 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12 midday. No appointment is

needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Free and impartial advice is also available on cutting energy bills, and possibly a home improvement energy grant through the Welsh Government NEST Programme.

Age Connects is holding a surgery at The Senior Health Shop on August 23 from 10am to 12pm, when you can chat to one of the NEST advisers.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information; if you need a home visit, call freephone 0800 8082244.

History exhibition

THIS year's Barry Island historical group exhibition – 'Those Were The Days' – will take place on Sunday, August 28 from 2pm – 5pm at the Barry Island Community Centre, Friars Road.

The exhibition will include photos not displayed on the group's Facebook page. The voluntary organisation provides a valuable resource for the

community.

It holds thousands of photos, giving a glimpse of the lives of Barry Island residents, traders and businesses over the decades.

Entrance is free; refreshments available; and visitors can also buy next year's calendar for £5.

Boxing for LATCH

ON September 3 Llantwit Major Amateur Boxing club will hold a ticketed evening of live music by The Story Goes...; live music, followed by a disco.

The charity we are supporting this year is LATCH, a charity that supports children receiving treatment for cancer at the Children's Hospital for Wales, and their families.

More information on their work can be seen at www.latchwales.org

Tickets are currently available behind the bar at the rugby club; these are limited to 150.

For more information, call Karl Jones on 07738 386098.

Tory Leader slams football chiefs for missing a chance to promote women's game

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

THE development of women's football has been held back by

"petty nationalism", the Welsh Conservatives have claimed.

Football Associations of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland blocked the entry of a Team GB to the women's football competition.

Welsh Conservative Leader Andrew RT Davies said moves to block entry were "unforgivable" and said they "must never happen again".

His colleague Russell George AM, the Shadow Sports Secretary, said the entry of a women's team

could have inspired a new generation of girls to take up the sport.

Both have called for talks to establish agreement for a Team GB football team, competing only in future Olympic Games.

FIFA have previously given firm assurances that the status of individual nations would not be affected by such a move.

Andrew RT Davies, said: "Rio 2016 was an incredible opportunity to promote women's football on the biggest stage, and petty nationalism held back the development of the game. It's unforgivable

and must never happen again.

"We've had repeated assurances that the autonomy of our national teams won't be affected, and yet we find ourselves back here once again.

"Is there a single person out there who would argue that the women's game across the UK is in such rude health that we can afford to pass up this kind of chance to build momentum, or to develop the grassroots and increase the tournament experience of our best players?"

"A packed stadium watched Sweden knock the hosts out this week, with millions more

watching at home, and I couldn't help but imagine what might have been.

"I'm sure I'm not alone in feeling that the absence of a Great Britain women's football team at the Olympics has been a devastating blow for the game."

Russell George, said: "Unlike men's football, the Olympic Games is on a par with the World Cup for the women's game and attracts huge interest across the globe."

"Players like Jess Fishlock have been deprived of an opportunity to get major international experience, and to represent Team GB in the way that so many other Welsh sports stars do at the Olympics."

AM celebrates with residents' board



CELEBRATING 30 years of the Gibbonsdown Residents' Board last week, were Molly Conway, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, Jane Hutt AM and Tim Reynolds. The celebration was also attended by Vale Council housing officers at the Aberaeron Close Centre where weekly activities are held, supported by volunteers.



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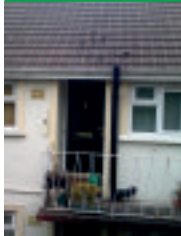
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Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, August 23 at 2.15pm. Family flowers only. No black attire.

BREEN Graham John

Suddenly on August 6, Graham aged 71 years, husband of Ann and father of Marc, Dieter and Richard, father-in-law to Karen. Grandfather to Lukas, Tia, Caitlin, Cory, Holle and Miley. Much loved by his brothers, sister, cousins and families.

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LEGG Douglas

Sadly after a long illness on Friday, August 12, Douglas passed away. Beloved husband of Pam, best father in the world to Kevin, Janet and Jacqueline. Father-in-law to Anne, Davy and Bob. A wonderful grandfather to Marion, Robyn, Hayley and Cameron, and a great-grandfather to Lara.

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LAYER Alan George

Peacefully on August 16 after a long illness, bravely fought and with his family present, Alan, aged 78 years. Beloved husband of Denise, much loved father of Sharon and Katherine and father-in-law to Grant and Craig. Loved grandfather of Jeremy, Matthew, Daniel, Jethro, his wife Rose and Michael. Also, sadly missed brother of William, Suzanne and the late Judith.

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McCORMACK Paul Augustine Martin

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Paul will be sadly missed by all family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

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The family of the late Helen and Norman Rendall would like to thank all family and friends for their support and comfort during this sad time.

A special thanks to Churchfield's carers and all the doctors and nurses involved. Many thanks to Rev Ballantyne and A.G. Adams and Sons for organising the service and their kind and caring words.

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OGMORE COMMON

Community of Ogmors/Ogmors by Sea
County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has applied to the Welsh Ministers for consent under section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 to carry out restricted works on Ogmors Common.

The proposed work is a single stacked stone sculpture and it will cover an area of, a three meter squared base, with the sculpture measuring 100 cm wide by 250 cm tall. The work will be located on the roadside of the B4524, 30m east of the junction to Portobello House and car park. Grid reference: 287438/ 176218.

A copy of the application form and map showing the proposed works can be inspected at the Heritage Coast Walkers Centre, Southdown, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm weekdays (not public holidays) until the 30th September 2016. A copy of the application may be obtained by writing to:

Creative Rural Communities, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge CF71 7AH

Any objections or representations should be sent in writing ON or BEFORE that date to the Planning Inspectorate Wales at Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ, or Wales@planning.gov.uk. Unless sent to the Planning Inspectorate cannot be treated as confidential. They will be copied to the applicant and possibly to other interested parties.

Nicola Sumner-Smith (Senior Rural Regeneration Officer), Creative Rural Communities, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge CF71 7AH

VALE OF GLAMORGAN



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Gellir archwilio copi o'r ffurflen gais a map yn dangos y gwaith arloesedig yng Nghenotafon Ynnwylwyr yr Awdorid Trafforddiad, Southdown, rhwng 10.00am a 4.00pm yn ystod yr wythnos (ac eiddo gwyliau banc) tan 30 Medi 2016. Gellir cael copi o'r cais drwy anfon llythyr at:

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Nicola Sumner-Smith (Unwch Swyddog Awdygioeth Gwledig), Cymunedas Gwledig Creadigol, Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Old Hall, Stryd Fawr, Y Bont-fawr CF71 7AH

Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2016

GORCHYMYN (PAGET ROAD (RHAN), YNYS Y BARRI)) (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO)

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Hyd: O 8am ar 20 Awst 2016 am hyd at 18 mis

Lwybr Amgen: Bydd gwyrthiadau gydag arwyddion mewn grym ar hyd Plymouth Road, Friars Road, Breaksea Drive a Station Approach Road ac i'r gwrthwyneb.

D.S.: Caniatid mynediad i gerddwyr drwy'r amser.

Dyddiedig 18 Awst 2016

M. E. Punter, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau'r Amgylchedd a Thai, Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwentô, CF5 6AA.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

(PAGET ROAD, BARRY ISLAND (PART)) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2016

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:-

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The area to be closed is Paget Road, Barry Island from its junction with the access road that leads into Barry Island car park (adjacent to Clive Road) at grid 311262 166786 and continuing in a south easterly direction to its junction with Harbour Road, a distance of approximately 140m.

Reason: In the interests of public safety to allow for junction improvement work to take place. This restriction is required due to engineering difficulties.

Duration: From 8am on 20th August 2016 for a maximum period of 18 months.

Alt. Route: Signed diversions shall be in operation via Plymouth Road, Friars Road, Breaksea Drive and Station Approach Road and vice versa.

NB: Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing
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Barry Town start season with a win



ABOVE: Action from the game and RIGHT: TJ Nagi.

BARRY Town United set out their stall for 2016-17 on the weekend with a comfortable 2-0 win over newcomers Undy Athletic at Jenner Park.

Goals from Drew Fahiya and newcomer Tyrell Webbe secured the spoils, with manager Gavin Chesterfield handing competitive debuts to a handful of summer signings, including former Aberystwyth Town goalkeeper Mike Lewis. The Gwent-based visitors impressed on their Welsh League Division One bow, but would leave the Vale of Glamorgan empty-handed, as Barry headed up a cluster of eight



clubs to win on the opening Saturday.

Among their number were promoted outfit Cwmbran Celtic, who avenged their 2015-16 Welsh Cup quarter-final defeat with a 2-0 win over a demoted and demoralised Port Talbot Town.

Elsewhere in the division, last season's third-placed side Goytre were winners of a seven-goal thriller at Caldicot

Town, while Division One mainstays Ton Pentre beat Penybont by three goals to two.

Penybont's Bryntirion Park will be the destination for Barry this Saturday, as Chesterfield's replenished Town tackle a home team under the management of former Llanelli hotshot and Plymouth Argyle striker Rhys Griffiths (2.30pm kick-off). AC

Barry RFC set for new season in new kit!

BARRY rugby players will soon be sporting brand new kit, thanks to a £1,000 donation from Persimmon Homes, as part of its Community Champions scheme.

Barry RFC, now 129 years old, boasts teams from under-six age group to senior level, as well as a ladies side, and relies on outside support to keep running.

Jonathan Venners, club funding co-ordinator, said: "Barry RFC is a very successful club which develops young men and women in the town, creating a community spirit and a sense of identity. Lifelong friendships have been nurtured at the club.

"On a Sunday morning you will see some 220 children of all ages improving their skills. At senior level,

we have just completed our first year in Division Two after gaining promotion in 2014/15.

"All of this comes at a high financial cost. We are extremely grateful to Persimmon Homes East Wales for this donation for new kit, which will help to continue to maintain the players' identity and sense of belonging.

"It's so refreshing to see big businesses getting involved with grassroots sport."

Victoria Williams, Persimmon sales director, said: "We're pleased to be able to hand over this money to Barry RFC, a major sports club in the area which we know is well used and well appreciated. So many volunteers put in a lot of hard work to keep these amateur clubs afloat. We're pleased to be able to be in a position to help out."

Ground Hoppers are heading to the Vale!

THE Ground Hoppers U.K organization have targeted the South Wales Alliance League for this year's 'August Bank Holiday Hop'.

They will take in no less than 11 games between the Friday and the Bank Holiday Monday on August 29! While Sully will be among the venues they visit, the very last game of the hop will take place at Bryn-Y-Don, the home of Cadoxton Barry F.C. when they entertain close neighbours, Cogan Coronation in a 5pm Monday start.

A large crowd, which will include around 150 ground hoppers from all over the UK, is expected.

Match programmes, refreshments, lapel badges, club tops, a programme collectors stall and much more will be found at Bryn-Y-Don on this very special match day.

Last season's record ground hop attendance was around the 430 mark for a match that took place in Scotland, so Cadoxton Barry are hoping to beat this.

There will be an entry charge of £3 for all adults, though all children will be admitted free of charges, so come on and help make the town of Barry proud ground hop record holders.

NW

Sully Sports begin training

THERE are just a few weeks to the start of the new season, and arrangements are well in hand at Sully Sports RFC, with good numbers training under coaches Chris and Barry on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6.30pm at the Sully Grounds.

With a full fixture list for both first and second XVs, it is important to have as large a squad as possible, and so everyone is invited along - new, old players or those

interested in taking up the game.

Friendly games are due to be held on August 20 and August 27. Full details at training.

Our next reunion will be a barbecue at the Sully Club, on Friday, September 9, starting at 7.30pm.

Any players/members will be most welcome, with a special invitation going out to all the current players who by then will have started the new season.

The event will be part of the memorial to Tom, who tragically died recently.

MJS

Five wins out of five for Jason Sillet



LOCAL boxer Jason Sillet has won his fifth fight out of five.

Jason travelled to Manchester last weekend to take on Joe Beeden from Swindon and won unanimously on points.

He almost stopped Joe in the last round but he was saved by the bell. Jason would like to thank world

champion Lee Selby and all his supporters who travelled to Manchester, and his sponsors - Ewe Move Estate Agents, Coastal Coffee, Royal Cafe, Cofe Cove, Vinylize Garment Printers and also Paul Carousell Amusements and Nino Spiteri.

JS

Sports and play fun day a great success

MORE than 500 people enjoyed a range of sports and play activities at the Vale Council's 'Sports & Play Family Fun Day' which was recently held on Kings Square and in Central Park.

During the event, children, young people and families were able to try out the various sports and activities on offer including athletics, table tennis, basketball, volleyball, golf, football skills and tennis.

They were also able to try badminton with coaches from Badminton Wales and try out the squash wall, supervised by a Squash Wales coach.

There were also a variety of play activities which were supervised by the Vale Council's play workers which included badge making, clay modelling, giant outdoor games, small worlds play and a home-made 'photo booth' for people were able to take their own selfies.

The start of the Olympic and Paralympic Games provided an added motivation for the children to participate in both the sports and play activities.

They were awarded a sticker for each activity they participated in and when they had collected five, they were able to claim a medal and certificate to celebrate their participation.

The children were delighted and very proud to receive their medals of achievement.

All participants also received a sports club directory compiled by the sports and play development team to highlight the range of

sports opportunities available across the Vale.

With the Olympic Games currently taking place and the Paralympic Games due to start shortly, it is hoped that more people from the Vale will be inspired to join a local club, offering opportunities in more than 30 Olympic and Paralympic sporting events including boccia, archery, swimming, badminton, boxing, gymnastics (both

rhythmic and artistic), hockey, judo, rugby and table tennis.

To find out more information regarding opportunities for sport, play or both that are available in the Vale of Glamorgan, visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/sportsandplay. Alternatively, readers can contact the sports and play development team on 01446 704793, or e-mail KJDavies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Kayak4MND's daunting challenge in aid of charity



ON August 26, 40 fundraisers head to north Wales for a daunting charity challenge - kayaking across the three largest lakes in the UK and completing a marathon 26-mile walk - all in four days - to raise awareness for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

They will kayak across Bala Lake and back; walk the 26 miles from Llandudno to Prestatyn; kayak 11 miles across Lake Windermere and then travel up to Scotland to kayak the 25 miles of Loch Awe.

'Kayak4MND' is a team of 35 novice kayakers and five support people, both local and from across south Wales. All participants are incurring personal expense and have

spent a lot of time training to prepare for the challenge.

The team's fundraising efforts will help support people living with Motor Neurone Disease in south Wales and they have already raised more than £14,000.

Challenge organiser Justin Hostettler-Davies said: "The team is obviously apprehensive of the challenge ahead but is fully determined and motivated. Most of us had never been in a kayak prior to this, but we all share the same objective - to raise as much awareness and sponsorship as possible."

Anyone wanting to support Kayak4MND should visit their JustGiving page at: www.justgiving.com/kayaking4MND/ or text donate KAYK88 £5 to 70070.

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New Vale tennis league launched

VALE residents have a great opportunity to play friendly, competitive tennis matches in the new Barry & Vale Tennis League, whether they are member of a tennis club or not.

Open to men and women aged 18 and above, the league is for players of all standards.

Players are organised into groups of six to eight people of a similar level and can arrange their own matches at a mutually convenient time over an eight week round.

Entry costs £15 per round and each player has between five and seven matches to play per round. Players may use any public court that suits them both.

With no annual membership to worry about, it's an affordable way to play friendly, competitive tennis.

After the match, players submit results via their phone or online and can see all the other results and match commentaries in their groups.

There are prizes for

the winners of each group and players who complete three matches by the midway point of a round get a free can of tennis balls.

If you are not a member of a tennis club, it can be surprisingly hard to compete at an informal local level or even to find other people to play.

The new league is thanks to a partnership between the Vale Council's sports and play development team and parks department, Tennis Wales and Local Tennis Leagues, who lead on the organisation of the leagues.

Round one of the Barry & Vale Tennis League runs from Thursday, September 22 to Wednesday, November 16. You can enter the league online, by visiting

www.localtennisleagues.com/barry; all entries must be received by Monday, September 19.

For more information, email info@barrylocaltennisleagues.com or contact the sports and play development team on 01446 704793.

Cadoxton Bowls Club round-up

CADOXTON could not find the answer to the difference, between their heavy green and the good playing surface at Barry Athletic.

As a result, only one rink managed to come to terms. The successful rink was skipped by Derek Jeffries against David Snelling, who was assisted by two former Cadoxton players.

After eight ends the visitors held a 15-1 advantage, but only managed to score four more shots, while 15 were scored by the home side.

Howard Craven was matched with opposing skip Geoff Whittaker, and dropped 11 shots without reply during the opening seven ends. The remaining ends did not get much better, with just five singles scored.

Don Kuhnell did take an early lead on his rink against the experienced Richard Morgan, assisted by another ex-Cadoxton player, Paul Webley.

They were successful with three singles with one against, in the opening stages. However, in a game with all ends closely contested, only three further singles were possible, although the losing ends were mainly kept to singles.

John Jones skipped the other rink against Peter Rogers and stayed in contention until the 13th end when they held a 12-10 advantage.

Unfortunately no further wins were added and the defeat was accentuated with a '5' and '3' to finish.

Scores: W Craven, D Hammond, I Robertson, H Craven 5-20 D Townsend, D Coombes, J Davies, G Whittaker, A Prince, G Solomon, G Davies, D Jeffries 19-16 T Bishop, L Paige, G Jones, D Snelling; E Heppenstall, J Pappoutsou, I Heppenstall, J Jones 12-23 G Kane, DL Jones, M Vaughan, P Rogers; J

Stacey, D Fanning, R Byrne, D Kuhnell 6-16 A Cooper, J Donovan, P Webley, R Bowen. Final score: 42-75.

CADOXTON V CENTRAL - ML7 Cadoxton visited Barry Central in a ML7 fixture and despite losing on three rinks, the fourth rink had a large enough winning advantage to take the aggregate score.

The successful rink was skipped by Derek Jeffries against opposing skip Ken Tanner. A '5' on the sixth end gave the visitors an 8-2 lead and with regular winning ends progressed to 16-6.

At this stage, one of the Central players left the match due to illness and they continued with three players still playing with eight bowls. This reduced their score by one shot (25 per cent of the score during the remaining ends).

Howard Craven skipped against Tom Goddard and trailed 10-2 after six ends. However an improvement during the rest of the game brought the score to 18-16 in favour of the home side.

Rob Byrne's rink finished against Dave Goddard with the same two shot defeat, after leading 10-1 after seven ends.

Roy Harding's rink only managed to score on seven ends, to finish with a deficit of 12 shots

Scores: W Craven, D Hammond, I Robertson, H Craven 16-18 E Hands, A Castle, G Coldthorpe, T Goddard; G Davies, J Pappoutsou, I Heppenstall, D Jeffries 27-9 R Pierce, G Thomas, T Kaged, K Tanner; E Heppenstall, G Solomon, M Curtis, R Byrne 18-17 D Hunt, J Froud, J Wathes, G Goddard; R Morris, S Conway, J Jones, R Harding 9-21 M Hoare, B Parker, G Heppenstall, J Pappoutsou, I Carstairs, S Downer. Final score: 70-65.

DK

Penarth Belle Vue Bowling Club news

PENARTH Belle Vue Bowling Club played Ynysybwll Bowling Club on Saturday, August 13 in the Cardiff and District League.

Belle Vue had a good ten point win at Ynysybwll, winning two rinks and losing two after score adjustment, 76% to 66 shots.

Rink one, with only three players, lost after the score was adjusted 13 to 12 3/4 shots. Lead was Rowland Fletcher, No 2 was Richard Brant and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink two won 22-14; lead was Richard Fitzjohn, No 2 was Dave Rappit, No 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was

captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink three won 22-17; lead was Frank Keen, No 2 was Graham Duggan, No 3 was Len Fowler and the skip Paul Paterson.

Rink four lost 20-22; lead was Gerry Field, No 2 was Paul Booth, No 3 was Barrie Bagwell and the skip was Dave Purser.

Ynysybwll players were a great set of lads and all in all, a great day out was had. The buffet was top drawer; plenty of everything! Thank you, Ynysybwll.

Belle Vue played Barry Athletic Bowling Club in the Alun Martin Cup semi final at Windsor Bowling Club recently.

Both rinks went down against a very strong Barry Athletic, but both rinks did their best on a lovely sunny afternoon.

Rink one lost 25-11 lead was Richard Fitzjohn, No 2 was Gerry Field, No 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink two lost 27-14; lead was Rowland Fletcher, No 2 was Graham Duggan, No 3 was Colin Scammell and the skip was Trevor Ford. Well done for getting to the semi finals, lads.

One final note of thanks goes to our chairman's daughter who had a sponsored head shave and raised £40 when we played Ely Bowling Club. She has raised a total of £400 for Macmillan Cancer Support. A big thank you to Dave Purser and his family for their effort.

FRANK KEEN

Barry face friendly test

BARRY RFC kick off their 2016-17 season with the first of two warm-up games beginning this Saturday with a game against Division 2 East side Croesyceiliog at home, kick off 2.30pm.

This will be followed on August 27 when the club pay a return visit to Lydney where they enjoyed superb hospitality last year.

The club have hired an 80 seater coach to leave the club at 12 noon so come along and enjoy a good day out.

Last week's Lottery numbers were 04, 07, 13 and 18, which once again failed to produce a winner; this week's jackpot will be £2,390.

AJ



Friendly day of bowls helps out association

SUNDAY afternoon overcast and not very welcoming saw the Millwood Bowls Club captains Sandra Jodrell and Alan Evans welcome members and their guests to the club to enjoy an afternoon of social bowls away from the pressures of league and cup matches.

The ladies, with their usual enthusiasm, organised a highly successful raffle and bric a brac stall. With the weather starting to improve members took to the green to take part in a mixed spoons competition played over 15 ends with a small prize for the winning rink; at the finish the Alan Bumford-skipped rink stepped up to claim their prize.

The afternoon also has a more serious but happier purpose when the club presents a cheque to its charity of the year.

This year, as many of you will know, the club had the honour of hosting the British Deaf Bowls home internationals and as a result of this the club chose the Welsh Deaf Bowls Association.

The club members were therefore extremely proud to invite their representative Michelle Fowler-Powe to accept from Sandra and Alan a cheque for £1000 raised by members through their various fundraising activities.

Michelle thanked the club for the cheque and also all the assistance the club and its members had given the association in helping the first Deaf International weekend be the success it was.

Thanks are also given to local deaf signer Sue Williams for her assistance. **On a very blustery unseasonable evening Millwood made the short**

journey to Sully for a Munro Cup game.

Despite the weather the green was running well so no excuses on that front, although hypothermia might play a part in the latter stages of the game.

Both teams got stuck in and after five ends Millwood had a narrow four shot lead, 17-13; this narrow advantage was maintained and at the 10th end the score was 32-28 to the visitors.

This nip and tuck game continued on three of the four rinks, however on rink 2 sprightly Sully veteran Denis Evans and his rink got their game together and at the end of 12 ends Sully had now got their noses in front, 50-41.

With this lead not threatened over the last four ends, Sully ran out worth winners, 63-52, when all players were only to happy to repair to the club for well earned refreshments.

On Saturday Millwood club side entertained Blaenrhondda in a Division 4 league match.

For various reasons the visitors were not able to field as strong a team as they would have wanted to.

The game got underway and after five ends the home side had built a comfortable lead of 23-11.

After another five ends the lead had increased to 45-25, but the visitors, to give them full credit, did not give up and fought back bravely to eventually come out on top on two rinks.

However Millwood ran out comfortable winners, being heavily indebted to Peter Taylor's rink who crushed their opponents 30-7, confirming a 82-59 victory.

The Millwood A side played a friendly at Rumney which we hope will stand them in good stead when they return in two weeks time for Division 7 league match. **BH**

Pasties inspire A team to victory!

LAST Thursday saw Llantwit A bowls team gain their first home win in the Rockwool Triples League; the opponents were Wyndham.

Captain John Nixon's rink of Ian Williamson and Cen Williams won 21-13; Mike Harmon's rink of Geoff Timms and John Crane narrowly lost.

John O'Brien's rink of Ken Williams and Glyn Fox, with a combined age of 242, proved that age is no barrier, by beating an opposition rink with an average age of 25 by 17-12.

Kyle Garrison's rink of Dave Thomas and John Ball had a comfortable win 22-9, with the overall score 75-54. The captain changed the normal post-match food to pasties and this incentive appeared to produce success!

Saturday saw another milestone with a first win

in the Cardiff Municipal League, again at home, the opponents this time Caerphilly Social.

The game was played in summer sunshine and Mike Harmon's rink of Cen Williams, Lyn Fry and Dave Post won by 19-8.25; John O'Brien's rink of Geoff Timms, rounded off by the John Moisan and Pat Twomey just missed out.

Graham Merchant's rink of Dave Thomas, Danny Morgan and Dave Post had a bit of an off day, John Nixon's rink of Ken Williams, Paul Brown and Graham Snowdon won by 30-7.75, the overall match score 82-79.75.

An enjoyable day was always excellent post-match buffet prepared by the ladies. **PB**

Flint strikes a diamond!

THE Vale's John Flint, who has been in terrific form of late, struck again at Chepstow Racecourse on Tuesday when his five-year-old bay mare Prim And Proper landed The Diamond Racing Handicap Stakes.

Partnered by 3lbs claimer Daniel Muscutt, *Prim And Proper* an 8-1 chance, ran a cracker of a race to score by three parts of a length from *Stanlow*.

Prim And Proper, a course and distance winner when trained by Ebbw Vale's Dai Burchell last season, is owned by Mr and Mrs AJ Mutch, and was having its fourth start for the in-form Flint.

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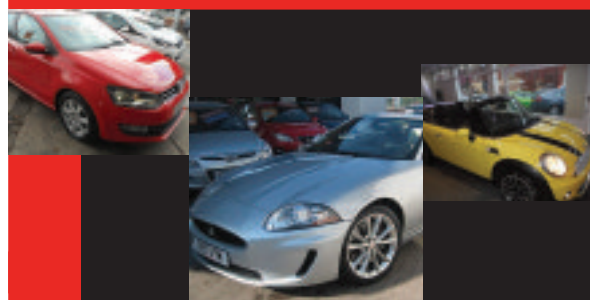
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On and Off The Turf

ACCLAIMED turf historian Michael Tanner is known for his many best-selling books such as *The Champion Hurdle*, *The Legend Of Mick The Miller*, *The Major: The Biography of Dick Hern*, *Great Jockeys of the Flat* and many more.

Now following his definitive account of *The Suffragette Derby*, a work that was described as "the book of the year" by the Racing Post and "as good as any Dick Francis novel" by *The Mail* on Sunday, his new book *Red Hand - Secret of the Suffragette Derby*, published by (www.authorhouse.co.uk at £12.99), weaves a fictional tale around the Suffragette Derby featuring the popular characters Alg Haymer and Connie Swynford, who he introduced in his Victorian racing novel *The Timman's Farewell*.

I have always been a great admirer of Michael's work, ever since I bought a copy of his *My Friend Spanish Steps* for a £1 in a second-hand bookshop in Devon in the 1980s.

Michael is one of those rare authors who can mix fact with fiction and in *Red Hand* he does just that and the result is a cracking good read.

VAUGHAN HAS PLENTY TO SMILE ABOUT
Aberthyn's Tim Vaughan had plenty to smile about last week.

His *Canton Prince*, a five-year-old bay gelding, won the Open National Hunt Flat Race (Bumper) at Newton Abbot with champion jockey Richard Johnson in the saddle and his *Show's Over*, partnered by Tom O'Brien, won the 24 August Is Bo's Music Night Novices' Handicap Chase at Stratford by the minimum distance a nose at odds of 8-1.

Canton Prince, the 2-1 favourite, won by 12 lengths from *Make My Heart*.

CHEPSTOW BANK HOLIDAY FUN RACEDAY
Monday, August 29 is Chepstow's bank

holiday family fun race day.

There is free admission and entertainment for children.

This year, Chepstow Racecourse celebrates its 90th birthday and when racing started at the Piercefield Park Racecourse in 1926, more than 20,000 racegoers witnessed Lord Harewood's *Conca D'Oro*, ridden by Henri Jellis and trained by Basil Jarvis, win the opening St Lawrence Selling Plate.

The following year, in 1927, 300 rain-soaked racegoers turned up in Tattersalls enclosure for the first National Hunt fixture and the first Welsh Derby that year was won by *Chantrey*, ridden by Henri Jellis and trained by Alex Taylor.

It was in 1933 that Gordon Richards set a world record at the racecourse when winning 11 consecutive races at the two-day meeting - all six on the first day and the first five winners on the second day.

The first Welsh Grand National at Chepstow in 1949 was won by Welshman Dick Francis on *Fighting Line*.

TIM'S MIXED LUCK
Tim Vaughan had mixed fortune at Market Rasen on Saturday evening.

In the Dennis Meech 'Magic Moments' Memorial Handicap Chase, his *Caspian Piper* was beaten by just a head in a photo finish by *Proud Gamble*.

However, just over an hour later his six-year-old *Beat The Tide*, a 9-2 chance, finished a length ahead of the favourite *PixiePot* in the Millie Murray Happy Birthday Handicap Hurdle.

Champion jockey Richard Johnson was aboard both of Tim's horses and earlier in the evening he had been successful on the favourite *Birch Hill* in a novices' hurdle.

BRIAN LEE



Sam Roberts (wearing the number 5 vest) with the team.

Vale's Sam stars for the Welsh basketball team

A former University of Worcester student from the Vale helped Wales to seventh place in a major international tournament.

Sam Roberts, who has just finished his degree, competed for the Wales senior men's basketball team at the FIBA (International Basketball Federation) European Championship for Small Countries.

He was joined by fellow former University of Worcester students Ben Potts and Damian Edwards.

The Welsh side faced Armenia, who won the contest, Andorra, who finished second, Moldova, Malta and Gibraltar. Sam, of Cowbridge, has just

finished a three-year course in sports studies and this was his first time in the Welsh men's side, having played for the under-16s and under-18s.

"It was a hard tournament for us," said the 20-year-old. "The standard of play in Britain is not at the level of Europe so for us to adapt to that intense play was difficult."

"For me I learned a lot. I have gained more confidence to bring back to the UK by playing against such high quality opposition."

Sam, who played in the University's second team and Worcester Wolves national league division two side, is now focused on selection to take part in the Commonwealth Games in Australia in two years' time.

Ceri continues his golfing progress!

AFTER winning Radyr Golf Club's captain's day prize alongside his father two weeks ago, and finishing only two shots behind the winner at the Pyle and Kenfig Junior Open recently, Ceri Vaughan Jones (14) continued his rich vein of form this season by capturing the Southerndown Junior Open with a magnificent score of 79 gross over the difficult windswept course last week.

His latest success has catapulted him close to the top of the Glamorganshire under-14s Order of Merit with two events remaining this year and will bring his handicap down to 12.

Even with a triple bogey seven due to a lost ball on the formidable 18th hole, his score was enough to secure top spot and confirmed his steady



Ceri Vaughn Jones and John Hastings

progress under the tutelage of golf professional John Hastings, who runs the Natural Golf Academy at St Andrew's Major Golf Club.

"Ceri's aptitude for the game was evident from a very early age but his equally impressive mental game is also one of his strengths," said John.

"His ability to never let a bad shot unsettle

him gives him an edge over his fellow competitors."

A regular in the Glamorganshire under-14s county team, Ceri who lives in Llantrithyd, near Cowbridge, is also a member at Radyr Golf Club and has now set his sights on a single figure handicap, a goal both he and coach John set themselves at the beginning of the year.

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Point-to-Point Blast From the Past - 2004

This week The GEM's Brian Lee, who has been reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing scene for the past 50 years, looks back at a couple of meetings he reported on for The GEM.

The headline on page 12 of The GEM, March 18, 2004 read: 'Gift horse Rostock is a winner for Brace'.

"BRIDGEND'S David Brace, who will be at the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival today to saddle his *Dawn's Cognac* in the Foxhunter's Chase, saw his gift horse *Rostock* land a division of the maiden race at the Brecon & Talybont point-to-point last Saturday.

"*Rostock*, a seven-year-old brown gelding was given to him by Irishman Jimmy Mangan, who trained last year's Grand National winner *Monty's Pass*.

"Mr Brace, who has bought many horses from Mr Mangan over the years, said: "Jimmy couldn't do anything with *Rostock*, so he gave him to me to have a go."

"*Rostock*, brilliantly ridden by the Vale's Fiona Wilson, got home by half a length from the favourite *Rescindo*, ridden by William Oakes in an exciting finish.

"Both horses are qualified with the Llangeinor Hunt.

"Llancarfan's Evan Williams took the confined race on Paul Morgan's *Mensch* who got up on the run-in to beat *Noaff*. The winner is also qualified with the Llangeinor. The Land Rover Men's Open race was won by *Tic Tac*, which beat the fast-finishing *Royal Barge* by half a length.

Tic Tac, a winner in France, was ridden by Paul Shell Drake and is owned by Ian Johnson and Gary Flynn.

The odds-on favourite *Dat My Horse* unshipped Evan Williams at the first fence. The horse's owner Andrew Lowrie said: "My horse had trouble with his back and he just doesn't want to know the bigger obstacles, so it's back to hurdles races for him."

"Dai Jones had a double with *Call Me*

Sonie (members) and *Cannon Bridge* (restricted open division one). *Vicars Chalet*, a 20-1 chance, was a surprise winner of the third division under Adrian Wintle.

"And 53-year-old Joe Price was successful on *Musical Sleuth* (maiden division one) who was a first winner for trainer Sarah Kent, secretary of the Currie & Llangibby point-to-point. *Musical Sleuth* is owned by Charlotte Breeze and Sue Anstey."

Under the heading 'Tim Rides Winner At Ystradowen' (GEM April 8, 2004) I reported: "Tim 'Smiler' Vaughan from Laleston landed the aged maiden race at the rain-soaked Glamorgan point-to-point steeplechases at Ystradowen on Saturday on *Aljoash*, an eight-year-old bay mare, trained by John Moore at Bridgend.

"Talented Tim, who always has a smile on his face, rode a confident race and, taking the lead two fences from the finish, won by 15 lengths from the pacemaker *Blakeney Hill*.

"*Aljoash*, who also won the best turned-out award, is owned by Swansea hairdresser Robert Scrine.

"*Mister Falcon*, a seven-year-old bay gelding ridden by Rhys Hughes of Caerphilly swooped to victory in the men's open race. There were only three runners and *Mister Falcon*, a former Martin Pipe horse which cost his owner Mike Quinlin 2,000 guineas, won by eight lengths from *Fassan*, ridden by James Tudor with *Asicionado*,

partnered by Howard Oakes, a further length away in third spot.

"In the ladies' open race, Pembrokeshire's Charlotte Owen, riding family horse *De Chelly*, caused something of a surprise when holding on by a length from the odds-on favourite *Upton Adventure*, already a winner of four races this season.

"Dr Simon Cave's *Tinder Boy*, who travelled from Dorset, took the restricted open under his daughter Tabitha Cave. She said: "*Tinder Boy* is not the bravest of jumpers but the twisty undulating course, although it wouldn't suit most horses, suited him."

"*Pharailde*, which took the young horse maiden, is owned by Cardiff's Lee Alder who is totally blind.

"Mr Alder said: "I was worried when the commentator kept saying my horse was making mistakes throughout the race."

"Ex-hurdler *Pharailde* was ridden by evergreen Joe Price and is trained at Chepstow by Sarah Stenford. Both the winning owner and trainer were enjoying their first success.

"The novice riders' race was won by Hannah Lewis on the odds-on favourite *Silver Pot Black*."

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It's away-day delight for Barry Athletic!

LAST Saturday, Barry Athletic first XI travelled to Rogerstone and came home victorious.

After losing the toss and being asked to field, Rogerstone never looked like they were going to post a high total and posted a score 210 for 5 in their 50 overs.

A Alderhay, who top scored with 66 not out, and a quick 46 from Andy Harris were the main contributors. John

Gee continued his fine form with 2 for 15 in his 10 overs with five maidens and Steve Provis 2 for 46.

In reply Barry got off to a solid start in their chase of 211, losing their first wicket when Provis fell for a fine 41 that included 8 fours with the score on 92.

There then followed a partnership of 98 between White and Rhett Jones before White was out for a well-compiled 73 with 12 fours and a welcome return to form.

With the score 190 for 2, it was left to the injured Rhett Jones to finish the game off with 4 fours in five balls and a brave 65 not out; Shae Ellies by eight wickets and a well deserved win. Barry Athletic second XI entertained

Rogerstone second XI at the Island Ground.

Rogerstone batted first and compiled a score of 157 for 8 in their 45 overs with Trinder (39) and Hughes (22) being the main scorers, and Billy Usswald (3 for 18) and Andy Ellis (2 for 19) the main wicket takers.

In reply Barry stroled to a win, scoring 158 for 3 with the ever reliable Lee Morgan (68), Damon Leake (23) and Paul Murphy (48 not out) getting the best scores as Barry earned a seven-wicket win and some valuable points.

This weekend, Barry Athletic first XI entertain Ponthir at the Island Ground, with the second XI travelling to Ponthir.

Round Table shows support for Barry Athletic team



SUPPORTING our community is a key role within Barry Round Table and we are supporting Barry Town United Academy under-16s team as their kit sponsors.

David Cole, Barry Town United AFC secretary, said: "The club and players are hugely appreciative and the generosity of Barry Round Table as we start our 2016-17 Academy season."

Barrie Dyer, member of Barry Round Table, presented to team coach John Spence the team's new kit ready for a pre-season friendly against Garden Village AFC from Swansea.

David Beadle, Round Table chairman, said: "All the players looked good in their new kit

and they played even better with a 3-2 win.

"The players are a credit to the town showing fair play and great character during the match. We look forward to a year of supporting the lads throughout the season."

Barry Round Table is now in its 60th year and we would love to support our community even more.

For us to do even more we are looking for new members to join us to take part in great activities twice a month and to support our community.

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Diack runner-up Jo Hopkins, Liz Fine and winner Liz Taylor.

Gemma and Liz lift trophies at golf club!

ON a very wet and windy day at Brynhill Golf Club, Gemma Evans and Sam Pascoe met again to compete for the title to be ladies' champion.

The match play competition, over 36 holes, was followed by many, including club president Keith Atkins and his wife Brenda.

The match referee was again Jan Robertson who, although wet, said she thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Together with their caddies Ann Phillips (Sam) and Helene Cook (Gemma), the ladies played a truly entertaining and competitive game. Gemma, was seven up after 18 holes.

Everybody had lunch at the club, giving time to dry off and discuss the morning's golf.

The afternoon's weather did not improve, but Gemma and Sam battled on with Gemma,



Gemma Evans and Liz Fine.

retaining the title of Brynhill ladies' champion.

The afternoon's competition also included the final of the Diack Cup between Jo Hopkins and Liz Taylor.

Together with their caddies, Jenny Pateman (Jo) and Lynda Lloyd (Liz) they also had to battle the weather.

Referee again this year

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Barrivale Bridge Club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for August 9:

1st Mark Roderick & Mick Green 57.81%; 2nd Celia & Huw Thomas 54.823%; 3rd Mike Close & Mike Best 51.69%. Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles won on handicap.

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Belle Vue bowls results

PENARTH Belle Vue Bowling Club entertained Cardiff & District League leaders Ely BC, which came out the winners 91pts - 70pts; three winning rinks to one, 12pts - 2pts.

Rink one lost 28 - 21: the lead was Richard Fitzjohn. No 2 was Dave Smith, no 3 was Dave Miller, and the skip was Malcolm Thomas (captain).

Rink two lost 23 - 15: the lead was Gerry Field. No 2 was Pete Akers (first time in two years); no 3 was Barrie Bagwell, and the skip

was Dave Purser.

Rink three lost 23 - 13: lead was Frank Keen. No 2 was Paul Booth; no 3 was Alan Thomas and the skip was Paul Paterson.

Rink four was our only winning rink, coming from behind to win 21 - 17. Lead was Rowland Fletcher. No 2 was Graham Duggan; no 3 was Colin Scammell and the skip was Len Fowler.

A big thank you to Malcolm Thomas who got our teas ready, and for his raffle and bar work; and to Barrie Bagwell, for clearing and washing up in the kitchen afterwards.

FRANK KEEN

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Barry chess players do like to be beside the seaside!

THE British Championships took place in Bournemouth over 11 rounds of play and our Barry representatives, Nigel Ralphs and Lee Davis, both fared better at the start of the tournament.

Nigel managed one win, six draws and only three defeats. This meant he ended in equal 68th place. He took a bye in the final round, so perhaps he could have finished with a better score to move up the table.

Nigel's opponents were all rated over 2170 so he was playing higher-ranked players in every round and can feel well pleased with his results.

At this early stage in the chess year Nigel stands second in the Alec Wood Trophy having gained 50 ranking points since June from his two tournaments.

For Lee, perhaps it is a tournament he will want to forget. Lee was able to play in all 11 rounds and he finished with one win, two draws and eight defeats.

He lost his last four in a row and

may feel he could have done better. Lee's best result was a draw against fellow Welshman Allan Pleasants, who has a rating of 2110. Lee's score of two leaves him firmly at the wrong end of the table.

The top three seeds, all rated over 2,600, took the top three places in the end. Michael Adams scored 10 points to win from David Howell with 8.5 points and Gawain Jones with 8 points.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night, but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

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